

Crow Wing Township Planning Commission Meeting, July 7, 2025, 6:00 PM

Commission Members Present: Chairman Brad Arnold, David Nelson (Vice Chair), Dan Lee, Jon Kolstad, Paul Stephany (Township Board Supervisor), Scott Saehr (Planning and Zoning Consultant) and Sue Kern (Township Clerk). Brad called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Deletions: Paul added discussion regarding the Jackson and Jay Street properties.

The owners of **8789 50th Avenue** were present at the meeting and their property was discussed first. They want to place a small park model home permanently and intend to live there seasonally. The ordinance does not specifically speak to this situation as this is not being used as a recreational vehicle. The Commission agreed that they should get a temporary permit and then get a conditional use permit rather than get an annual permit.

Public Hearings: Conditional Use Permit for 11191 Town Hall Street: Residents are seeking a CUP to address erosion on their property along the Mississippi River. MN DNR, Mississippi Headwaters, Crow Wing County Soil and Water and Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc (EOR) have worked together to come up with a plan to repair the washout and the residents need a CUP from the Planning Commission to move 200 cubic yards of soil to assist in repairing the erosion. Neighboring residents were notified of the public hearing and several were in attendance. They asked multiple questions and those questions were answered. The organizations listed above are overseeing the project. Concerns were raised regarding the wear and tear of the road with large equipment driving back and forth. The project is funded primarily by the landowner with some cost sharing with Soil & Water. Brad read the findings of fact which are listed in the agenda packet entirely. Jon made a motion to approve the conditional use permit and added conditions to follow the requirements listed in the application during and after construction according to the plan according to Article 41 of the Land Use Ordinance, implementation of an erosion and sediment control plan utilizing best management practices, maintain shoreland vegetation buffer standards section 27.2 for bluffs and steep slopes, any future development of this parcel shall get prior approval from the township before disturbing the vegetation or soils on the parcel, to ensure to the best of their ability decontamination for invasive species of the equipment and to move the chicken coop to meet setbacks from the bluff. Dan seconded the motion. Passed 5-0. Scott stated that road weight restrictions are to be maintained. The project will take place this Fall, and they are to notify the township before starting. The Public Hearing ended at 6:55 pm.

Open Forum: A resident at **6709 Brandon Way** was present requesting to fill in the ditch and plant grass. He has been referred to the Township Board.

The resident of **10872 Town Hall Street** was present requesting to subdivide his parcel of land into two 10-acre parcels. The question remains if the parcel is a full 20 acres as it may be 19.98 or 20.1 acres. It may be rezoned. Scott recommended a survey be done.

Approval of Minutes: Dan made a motion to accept June 2, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Jon seconded the motion. Passed 5-0.

Old Business: Outstanding Complaints: The **Jackson** property is quiet. **7026 Wels Avenue** has gone backwards, and the owners are difficult to reach. A letter will be sent. The owner of **9507 Forest Heights Drive** is not following through with mowing and cleaning up. A letter will be sent. The **Estate Circle** property has made progress and is not bad.

New Business: Application for 7130 North Koering Road Land Use Permit: The Crafted Orchard is looking to build a structure. All details are in the Agenda Packet. Jon made a motion of support if it meets the requirements in the ordinance for lighting and screening. Dan seconded the motion. Brad abstained as Hytec will be doing the construction. Motion passed 4-0 with one abstention.

PZ Administrator's Report: Scott gave his report including the multiple lot splits and re-zones.

Town Board Correspondence: None.

Jon mentioned Chris Pence will be doing zoning administration training.

Adjournment: Being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.