

**PLAN COMMISSION
TOWN OF GRANT
DECEMBER 21, 2011**

Present: Julie Kramer, Marty Rutz, Ron Becker, Jim Wendels and Sharon Schwab.
Excused Members: Darcy Held, Lori Ruess

Citizens present: Jim and Emily Krohn

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

PRIVATE FAMILY BURIAL

Jim and Emily Krohn are requesting to be buried on their property at 8620 Cty Rd WW along with a son, Joel. It would be a green burial which would consist of a box and marker and without the aid of a funeral home. The plots would be approximately in the center of their 23 acres which is zoned general ag.

- Have property surveyed and create/document and “out lot” along with maintenance wishes.
- Record burial area as an “out lot” on CSM.
- Record with Register of Deed
- In the event of abandonment the Town is not responsible for care and upkeep.
- If it’s recorded on the deed, is it ever considered abandoned?
- May need to add “Private Burial” to Zoning Districts with definition.
- Limit “out lot” size and /or number of people buried.
- Action Item: Do homework on health issues, if any, of buried bodies in a pine box.

November minutes reviewed. Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Ron to approve.

CITIZEN INPUT

- Sharon shared a memo from Portage County Emergency Management Director Sandra Curtis and Sarah Wallace, Portage County Planning and Zoning Associate Planner pertaining to All Hazards Mitigation Planning Work Group. We will put Sarah on the January agenda to discuss Town issues.
 - High ground water/road closures/emergency vehicles didn’t have access because of road closures.
 - High winds/tornados: Don’t have enough barricades/hazard signs to place in roads were poles/trees are fallen and need cleaning up.
 - Jeff Crowns has drums, barrels, signage, etc that we can use in an emergency.
- Jerry Haasl was looking for minutes from Board of Adjustments meeting. Vicky needs to supply draft or minutes to Jerry.

ZONING UPDATE

- 4 permits were issued totaling \$280.
- Jean Goldberg/Dick Goldberg was interested in putting up a storage unit pole building in hi-density zoning at 8220 Spruce Lane. This request was denied.
- Lee Chipman Permits:
 - 11/5/09: Permit for an accessory building.
 - 7/11/2011: Sanitary Permit from the county.

- Accessory building has housing, plumbing, heat, etc., ac, which was not permitted or inspected.
- If building contains living quarters, there are now 2 residences in one parcel. (Transitional ag: 1 house per 10 acres.)
- See Zoning Ordinance XII: Violations and Penalties, page 29.
- Brian Formella would handle any citations.
- Shared septic with house and accessory building.
- Improvements, 2010: \$96,400, 2011: \$151,900
- Zoning Ordinance: #4 General Provisions: Every building hereafter erected, converted, enlarged or structurally altered shall be located on a lot, and in no case shall there be more than one residence building on one lot, except during the construction or moving in of a replacement residence. Under no circumstances shall both residences be occupied at one time. The old residence shall be removed within 30 days of occupancy of replacement home or such other period of time at the reasonable discretion of Zoning Administrator or Town Board
- Step 1: Mary will call Claude Rigelman.
- Step 2: Call Dale Bates
- Step 3: Send a Town letter about violations.

UAP

Double check for corrections and send to Sharon and Vicky to have copies at the January 11 Town meeting.

TOWN REPORT

- Jim will be at the January 11 Town meeting to present UAP and explain Permitted & Conditional Use Zoning Revision to Agriculturally Zoned Districts.
- (Plover) Reimbursement for Emergency Rescue/Extrication. Services on state and county highways in the Town of Grant.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nuisance/Junk Ordinance, Driveway Ordinance

Meeting adjourned at 9:50. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Jim.

Next meeting Wednesday, January 25, 7:00.

Julie Kramer

Plan Commission Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

Check into creating a logo for the Town of Grant.

Jim will forward Town of Hull Nuisance Ordinance to Plan Commission members.

Jim will contact Steve Bradley about pulling land out of exclusive ag.

Do homework on health issues, if any, of buried bodies in a pine box.