

**PLAN COMMISSION
TOWN OF GRANT
OCTOBER 26, 2011**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

September minutes reviewed. Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Lori to approve pending typo corrections.

- **CITIZEN INPUT**

- Jim reported that Jerry Haasl has a lot he wants to sell on 94th Street next to the property with chickens and selling eggs (Kevin, Amy Timm). JR Siewert Reality has a covenant for this subdivision that states this kind of activity isn't allowed. This information will be shared with Kelley Steinke and the Board of Adjustments. A Notice of Public Hearing will need to be sent to Jerry for Kevin's (Amy Timm) Board of Adjustment meeting. Jim will scan and share the covenant with the Plan Commission. Jim will attend the hearing and represent the commission stating that they oppose chickens at this location.
- It's been observed that Mike Galles has done extensive clearing and some landscaping. Claude Ringleman said that the only way a pole building wouldn't affect property value would be if it was modeled to look residential with appropriate windows and siding like a house.
- The Rickman house on Lake Road was burned down on October 22 and used for fire training.

ZONING UPDATE

Marty reported a total of \$395 in permits for the month of September

UAP

- Started with LOCATION REQUIREMENTS 3.2
- 3.3: Insert Rural and Urban Diagram
- 3.11: Underground utility installation in these districts is preferred to retain an open undeveloped landscape.
- 4.4: Utilities shall make a good faith effort to inform abutting landowners of any tree removal and offer the affected landowner the wood. (Use as opener to paragraph 1) Paragraph 2: Utilities shall be aware of threatened, endangered or special concern plant species or animals and insect Paragraph 3: Utilities shall exercise special care when handling.
- 4.5: Add Backfill Diagram
- 4.9: Sharon will find wording for Indemnification.
- See Policy for any other mark-ups.

TOWN BOARD REPORT

- Sharon shared Adams/Columbia and Solarus permits to reference in creating a UAP Permit.
- ATC (American Transmission Company) booklet shared.
- General/Transitional/Exclusive Ag: Goal was to surround Exclusive Ag with General and Transitional Ag. Inquire Brian to define/explain our language.

- CENTER PIVOT COMMERCIAL IRRIGATED CROPLAND
 Exclusive = Permit
 Transitional = Conditions
 General = Not Allowed
- Comprehensive Plan: review every 10 years.
- Recreation Letter: Ron supplied wording for requesting trout stream parking.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nuisance/Junk Ordinance, Driveway Ordinance

Meeting adjourned at 10:00. Motion made by Lori, seconded by Ron.

Next meeting Wednesday, November 30, 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.

Lori will share MOU

Read Exclusive and Transitional Ag zoning definitions.

A Notice of Public Hearing will need to be sent to Jerry for Kevin's (Amy Timm) Board of Adjustment meeting

Jim will scan and share the JR Siewert subdivision covenant with the Plan Commission

Sharon will find wording for Indemnification for UAP