

**PLAN COMMISSION  
TOWN OF GRANT  
JULY 25, 2012**

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

Plan Commission meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

**June minutes reviewed and approved. Motion made by Darcy, seconded by Sharon.**

**CITIZEN INPUT/TOWN REPORT**

- A question was asked if election signs fall under the conditions of our zoning ordinance. IX. Signs B.6. in our zoning ordinance reads: Sign of temporary nature such as yard or garage sale, political signs or special event signs no larger than 4 square feet are allowed to be placed 33 feet or greater from the center of the road. Property posting signs may be permanent. As stated, election signs would be governed by the ordinance but are not enforced. If there would be a complaint the ordinance would be enforced. NOTE: Look into adding a #7 to IX B. in the zoning ordinance pertaining to political signs including information on sign size and allowed amount of time pre/post of elections that the signs can be left up.
- Kitty Gross picked up the updated DRAFT Driveway Ordinance.
- Julie shared gathered information from The Town of Saratoga on Golden Sands Dairy. According to the supplied map, there are 2 Plum Creek parcels in the Town of Grant zoned Transitional Ag. Being concerned about irrigation, manure spreading, heavy equipment on our roads, farmland creeping in on residential areas, crop dusting and contaminated water the Plan Commission will invite a Woysaki Farms representative and surrounding neighbors of the property to a future meeting for an open discussion.

**ZONING UPDATE**

- Marty reported a total of \$1050 in permits for the month of June.
- Terrance Wolosek was given a 2<sup>nd</sup> street number to accommodate his business.
- Residents on the corner of 84<sup>th</sup> and Lakeview want to put in a house 16' x 70'. They will need to go to the Board of Adjustments on this issue since this size doesn't coincide with our ordinance.

**TOWN REPORT**

- All municipalities need to review/update their Comprehensive Plan. Sharon will contact Jeff Schular with a projected date of January 2013 to start working on our plan.
- A handout was shared, "Upcoming Discussion of Agriculture in Portage County".
- A handout was shared, "The Making of a Rural Town Broadband Infrastructure".

**DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE**

- Create bullets in 5.2.e.
- Put before 5.2.b. Parcels over 1000' in frontage may be eligible for driveway('s) beyond the normal 2 allotted.

- Put after 5.2.e. Maximum Surfaced Width of Access: The following are the maximum surface width access points. Recreational/Residential=24' at right of way. Farm, Commercial, Industrial=35' at right of way.
- Add to end of 3. Culverts are required where there is adequate ditch depth, there is seasonal or periodic water flow, or possibility of water ponding and other such criteria upon the discretion of the Town Board.
- After researching to "allow" concrete, use Grand Rapids wording 19.10.A.
- Looking ahead to the August meeting:
  - ✓ APPLICATION PROCESS.
  - ✓ Review the Towns Association Model Ordinance Section VIII.
  - ✓ Use Driveway Approach Permit from Grand Rapids.
  - ✓ Jim will bring a DOT permit.
  - ✓ Reevaluate sight distance for safety purposes.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

Updating Comprehensive Plan  
Nuisance/Junk Ordinance

Meeting adjourned at 10:08. Motion made by Lori, seconded by Sharon.

Next meetings Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm and September 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by 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.

Review Quarrying Ordinance to be sure we are in compliance with NR 135.32. (Print out all of NR 135 and review with our Quarrying Ordinance within the next 6 months.)

Update Quarrying Permit Process with NR updates.

Darcy will research amount of driveways allowed for farmland in other ordinances.

Darcy will look into asphalt –vs- concrete.

Jim will call Marathon County and ask why they don't allow concrete.

Ask Scott Bernette if 10' is wide enough for emergency vehicles.