

**PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF GRANT
October 15, 2014**

Present: Jim Wendels (Chairman), Cynthia Welling (Secretary), Lori Ruess, Sharon Schwab, Nathan Wolosek and Ron Becker (Committee members), and Marty Rutz (Zoning Administrator).

Citizens Present: There were no citizens present at this meeting

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Jim Wendels.

STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Cynthia Welling stated that the agenda was posted on October 7, 2014 at all posting sites and was placed in area newspapers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nathan Wolosek motioned to approve the meeting minutes with one identified change; Lori Ruess seconded. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizens were in attendance.

APPLICATION FOR CUP FOR BOB PICKARD

It was stated that the hearing for the Pickard CUP was very short and to the point. The CUP was approved.

TOWN BOARD REPORT

At the last Board meeting a request was brought forward by the Kellner Knights snowmobile club. They are seeking permission to drive in the right of way on the south side of Oak Street, beginning at 110th, crossing Eugene Kramer's driveway and then traveling east to CTH F. The KK also travel on White Pine Lane to 90th Street, but this has been an issue. The former request is for snowmobiles only, no ATVs and it would be a two-way trail. The Town Board accepted the first with some conditions. A sample ordinance from the Town of Grand Rapids was distributed and the issue will be placed on a future agenda.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

In September:

Roger Robbins	10900 Deer Road	Accessory building/address	\$100
Kevin Peterson	6981 100 th Street S	New residence/address/deck/ Pond/penalty	\$365
Solarus	UAP		\$20
Lampert-Lee Assoc.		CSM review	\$20
		TOTAL	\$505

Southwinds Salvage: Multiple attempts were made to contact – seems inactive. Marty is to call Sheriff to check on record and who owns the property. The tax bill is under Flowers.

Houevelde Pond: Sharon had heard from the Houteveldes that there was hauling taking place after permitted hours. Dean Altmann had called to let Marty know that they had hauled after 7p one night. The size of the pond has been determined to be .45 acres or 21,000 square feet in a wet year. Discussion around whether the size of the pond includes only water area, or does it include disturbed area, as well as stock piles? What is the language in our ordinance? Russ Brody complained that the size of the pond violated the ordinance; they were permitted for 20,000 square feet. The Commission will need to consider the language and how varying rainfall from year to year will affect the measurement of the size of the pond.

New driveway on Oak Street: There is a claim that this was an existing driveway; however, Betty Petrusky indicated that it is new and had not been there before. Marty will check aerials and visit the site.

Raw honey signs: Marty asked to notify the party the signs need to be moved out of the right of way. Is a fee required or not? Commission needs to revisit language in the ordinance regarding necessity for sign permits and fees.

Juniper Lane/84th Street R/W follow-up: Decision made to re-survey the property and have the surveyor re-set the line. Costs per recommendation by Jim Wendels and accepted by Town Board for this will be capped at \$1,000. Hardwood lathe (or metal stakes) will be set to determine where trees need to be cleared. Is a land use permit necessary for existing fences? After survey is complete, we will schedule another site visit. Also, revocable occupancy permit language should not apply in this case.

In the interest of time, further review of the highlighted ordinance document was tabled in order to address the Implements of Husbandry agenda item.

IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY

The document outlining Act 377-Local Government Options was reviewed. Towns of Plover and Buena Vista are considering opting out; however that is not the recommended option. A map needs to be produced mapping out routes of the producers in the area. Once we get a sense of which roads are affected, it could help guide us to which option is best for the Town of Grant. The Partial Opt Out II (option D) very well could be the appropriate option if we can identify which roads we would like to protect. Act 377 – Local Government Summary of Options document is attached to these minutes for reference.

FUTURE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING DATES

- November 19, 2014 at 6:30p
- December 17, 2014 at 6:30p

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Welling
Plan Commission Secretary