

MINUTES of the
Town of Cross Plains Plan Commission Meeting

8:00 P.M.

September 6, 2016

PRESENT

Plan Commission: Greg Hyer, Sherry Krantz, Tom Rhude, Mike Coyle

Staff: Mary Scott (PC Secretary/ Deputy Clerk)

3 Interested Citizens

Board member: Greg Haack

Call to Order: Rhude called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Approve Minutes: Hyer moved to approve the August 1st minutes as amended. Sherry Krantz seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments: none

Discussion/Action: The Thiemann's appeared for a second time regarding their request for a private dog park. The Thiemann's have decided to change their zoning to AB Agri-Business in accordance with a recommendation from the County, and they submitted a revised business plan. Hyer researched amenities of a Dane County dog park and found that a fence is the only detail lacking between this operation and those of the Dane County dog parks. The Thiemann's will not include a fence, but have created buffer areas to prevent dogs running off onto private property with signs indicating that no entry is permitted. They are not sure how many signs or how often as of yet. The north and west sides of the property will be regulated as follows: If the dog owner can control their dog, no leash is required. Otherwise, a leash is required in those two areas. Rhude questioned if AB zoning is permitted in our Land Use Plan. Hyer verified that it is. Haack questioned the hours of operation. Would they permit use into the night? The Thiemann's stated that the hours are limited to daylight hours and will vary with the seasons and day length. There will be no lighting in the parking lot or land. There will be parking for 18. Coyle questioned liability insurance. Thiemann's will have liability insurance and are awaiting a quote. The dog owners will be required to have homeowner's or renters insurance to have a membership at this park. The Thiemann's are consulting with a dog trainer who will help them draft the membership contract so that it will be thorough and proper. Rhude listed concerns of a dog running off onto private property, running into the road/traffic, noise, dog fights and dog bites. Rhude indicated that he would prefer a fence of some kind. The Commission has established that this business does have a benefit to supplement the current nursery operation. It meets the Land Use Plan, and the terms of a CUP. Rhude is concerned that the hours of

operation for winter, 8am to 5pm, would not be desirable to the members and that may cause a need to adjust those hours in the future which would be difficult. Hyer wants to adjust the hours for the maximum possible now, but that the Thiemann's can be more restrictive, as they choose. The Commission is concerned about the lack of fence and the proximity to a busy road. Rhude suggested an inclusion of wording that states that any land used would have to be fenced. The Thiemann's can start with a smaller area and grow with the business if they choose. Rhude motioned to approve the Land Use Petition dated 7-29-16 for Lawrence Thiemann for a rezone of 27.1 acres from A2 to AB and a Conditional Use Permit for a private dog park. The private dog park will have maximum use hours from 6 am to 8 pm. All acreage of the property used for the dog park must be fenced with adequate fencing to contain the dogs in the designated area. The dog park area must be a minimum of 150 ft. away from the northern property line and 150 ft. from the eastern road right of way of Old Military Rd. Coyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment for Discussion: none

There being no further public comment, Coyle motioned to adjourn and Sherry Krantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

_____ Action Items _____

Wayne Parrell (Acting Chair) and Secretary: Deadline for the October agenda is September 26, 2016.

Submitted on September 6, 2016 by Mary Scott, TCP-PC Secretary/Deputy Clerk