

MINUTES of the
Town of Cross Plains Plan Commission Meeting

8:00 P.M.

October 5, 2015

PRESENT

Plan Commission:

Wayne Parrell (Chair), Greg Hyer, Sherry Krantz, Tom Rhude

Staff: Mary Scott (PC Secretary/ Deputy Clerk)

1 interested citizen

1 Board member: Greg Haack

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

Approve Minutes: Sherry Krantz moved to approve the September 14th minutes and Rhude seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Public Comments: Jim Garfoot commented that there is an area of land in the arrears for unpaid taxes he believes is owned by a person named O'Brien.

Hyer informed that he attended a meeting Dettmann had with the County. Dettmann requested the meeting with the County for the purpose of trying to reverse the County's decision to revoke the ag building permit. He requested guidance as to what he can do to modify his plan so he can go forward with the building. The County restated that the building he is constructing must be an ag building for agricultural implements. Per the plans Dettmann submitted, the County explained that the building plan is suspect based on several factors including, (1) the structure fails to have some basic components that a typical ag implement building would have; (2) Dettmann business has a website advertising the rental of such a building for a tasting room/ party room; (3) the size of the building is far larger than necessary to support the small amount agriculture proposed for this acreage. The County has upheld the revocation. Additionally, the property has a massive mound of dirt that Dettmann has piled on the property. Dettmann explained only that he intends to spread it about the acreage. The County informed Dettmann that he will need an Erosion Control Permit from the County for this amount of soil to be distributed.

Hyer updated that it appears the Town has 2 additional liquor licenses. If this is confirmed by the State, the Town may proceed to set a price per license, around \$30,000 per license.

Action: Parrell discussed the need for a new Vice Chair since he is now the Chair for the Commission. The Commission agreed. Rhude was nominated. Rhude accepted the nomination. Sherry Krantz made a motion that Rhude become the new Vice Chair. Parrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion/Action: The Commission discussed the 2015 Ordinance Amendment 16, the Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance. After review and discussion of the Amendment, Rhude made a motion to recommend support for the County's Amendment. Hyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Hyer updated the Commission on changes that appear within the amendment for Ordinance 113, Blasting and Extraction. Some changes of note are, (1) blasting logs must be received by the Clerk within 24 hours of the Town's request; (2) a pre-blast survey would must be received within 2 days; (3) mining companies may be required to provide financial assistance to the Town for road maintenance and repair; (4) fencing may be required to enclose the mine. This topic will appear as a discussion item on the next agenda with added input from the Board following the Board's October meeting.

Public Comment for Discussion:

Rhude informed that the construction on Hwy 14 at Stagecoach Rd. has been completed. Rhude questioned whether weight limits on Stagecoach Rd. are being respected as he has observed gravel trucks that appear to exceed these limits. Hyer informed that the weight limit is only posted inbound, one way.

Parrell updated that the budget will not increase for the Plan Commission next year.

Hyer commented that the County did "soil borings" and will do traffic counts soon on Stagecoach Rd.

There being no further public comment, Rhude motioned to adjourn and Sherry Krantz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

_____ Action Items _____

Wayne Parrell (Acting Chair) and Secretary: Deadline for the October agenda is September 25, 2015.

Submitted on November 20, 2015 by Mary Scott, TCP-PC Secretary/Deputy Clerk