

ZONING AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 21, 2011

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Dowling; Lis Friemoth; John Lutz; Paul Miller; Chairman Don Henningfeld; Supervisor Tom Bolfert; Supervisor Don Trimmerger

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Henningfeld at 7:00 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting (November 2010) were read. Ms Friemoth asked for a correction to the minutes to reflect that the Ordinances were on-line not e-mailed to them. Ms Friemoth made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Ms Friemoth stated that there was some unfinished business. At the November meeting a discussion of the Town Ordinances was tabled pending the Town Attorney's advice. Mr. Jim Simons spoke up from the audience. He indicated that due to the consultations with the Town Attorney, the Planning Commission should not be involved in the Town Ordinances. The Town Board had worked on the new ordinances and as soon as the Ordinance changes are published, they will be available to the citizens of Spring Prairie.

Ms Friemoth also asked about the status of the Review of the Current Conditional Use Permits. Supervisor Bolfert indicated that the Permits had been turned over to him and he is reviewing.

Mr. Dowling indicated he has some concerns with how we deal with the CUP request as well as zoning issues. Mr. Dowling believes we need to limit the time individuals to speak. He also believes the Plan Commission needs to allow more time for the Plan Commission to review the facts and verify the information the speakers present. Mr. Dowling would like the CUP request to be presented at a meeting and voted on at the next Plan Commission meeting. Mr. Miller verified that Mr. Dowling was suggesting that the CUP requests would take two (2) month to be voted on and sent to the Town Board. Ms Friemoth told a story about a friend of her's in another township who went to the County for guidance, followed the County guidance, presented her request to the Town and request was passed. The friend then received a call from the County saying they had made a mistake and she would have to start over. Chairman Henningfeld thought it best that the new Town Board have a little time to consider this idea. Mr. Dowling thought it would be best for there to be 5 or 6 meetings for the new Town Board to observe the Plan Commission at work before making changes.

New Business

James L. Bennett, W1419 County Road D, Conditional Use Permit request to use shed for storage of boats and recreational vehicles. Mr. Bennett spoke with the County last fall and the County said that this was a permissible use. He indicated that he had given up farming and would like to use a current 40' by 80' shed for the storage of boats and RV's. Mr. Bennett would be removing the farm equipment currently stored in the shed and improving the condition of the storage shed. He also said there are currently 2 or 3 farm sheds being used to store boats and RV's in his vicinity. Mr. Dowling said that the Bennett property is currently zoned A-1. At least 2 of the properties Mr. Bennett is referring to are zoned A-4 which has different CUP's available.

Ms Friemoth indicated she had spoken with Matt Wiedensee at the County. The new Zoning regulations, which Spring Prairie joined beginning January 1, 2011, do not include Boat and RV storage as a conditional use on A-1 land. Chairman Henningfield indicated that the approval of another property, zoned A-1, for a CUP allowing storage of boats and RV's was done prior to the current zoning rules and thus was grandfathered. After further discussion, Mr. Bennett requested that the CUP request be tabled while he did further investigation under the new Zoning rules.

The following Building Permits were issued:

L. Dworak	W6808 Church St.	Remodel & Deck
S. Cranley	N6305 E. Paradise	Furnace Replacement
J. Bolton	N6656 Hargrave	Agricultural Shed

Mr. Lutz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dowling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved: May 19, 2011