

April 26, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Planning & Zoning Workshop with Crow Wing County Land Use Team

Present – Chair Bob Steele; Supervisors Jon Auge, Jim Roach; Crow Wing County Assessor Gary Griffin, CWC Commissioner Bill Brekken, CWC Environmental Supervisor Jake Frie and clerk A. Anderson.

Called to Order – B. Steele called the meeting to order @ 6:00pm.

Note: This meeting was designed as a Work Shop with Crow Wing County Land Services and Mission Town Board to discuss Planning & Zoning/Land Use.

Introduction: (As prepared by J. Auge)

- Recent increases in those interested in subdividing their land has generated some controversy over the density of development.
- In reviewing the goals of our Comprehensive Plan, we are not aligned with the County in some areas, most notably Shoreland Districts & Conservation Developments.
- We want to **pause** to study the issues and options to address – thus our **moratorium ordinance** was adopted.
- Our first choice as we study options is to **work with the County to strengthen** existing County Ordinances to meet our goals. To be clear this is our **preferred option**, we feel our moratorium ordinance gives us time.
- We understand the County will not adopt ordinances particular to Mission Township.
- Our **next step** is to get a legal opinion from our township attorney on our authority under existing MN statutes to regulate aspects of Planning & Zoning and our options to enforce our decisions – should we take this route.
- We are also developing a plan to research options as we determine what’s best for Mission Township.

Objectives of Meeting:

- Have a dialogue – understand each other’s thoughts and concerns.
- Discuss specific concerns with the existing County Ordinances – more specifically shoreland district and conservation developments.
- Chart a path forward to pursue a county option if possible.
- Ensure we have clear lines of communication as we proceed.

Comments for Discussion (starting point):

- What is the strategic objective of conservation developments?
- Is there a conflict with the goal to reduce high density development in the shoreland impact zones and conservation developments?
- Currently the property owner gets to choose conventional vs. conservation development. What is the thinking behind this choice?
- Are the number of allowable lots in the first and second tier within the Shoreland District too generous?

General Discussion:

- Lakeshore Developments/Plats
- Mission’s intent is not to take over all of Planning & Zoning and are not wanting to be confrontational.
- County asked - What does Mission value/What does the Township want? Mission is looking for less density.
- Rip-Rap – B. Brekken stated not a preferred option today.
- J. Frie stated that the County is revising the Comprehensive Plan which will be a two-year process.

More research is needed to frame up issues within Mission Township.

Mission Board ‘Thanked’ Crow Wing County for their input and time. B. Steele made a **motion (1)** to adjourn the Planning & Zoning Workshop, seconded by J. Roach. Motion carried; all were in favor.

Anna Anderson, Clerk