

Planning and Zoning Meeting

August 23, 2022

6:30 pm

Present: Bob Steele, Jon Auge, Jim Roach

Guest: Jon Kolsted

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by chairman Steele.

Jon presented a review of his experience working in planning and zoning. He has worked for Crow Wing county planning and zoning and has worked as the planning and zoning administrator for Crosslake.

There was a brief review of what the township is thinking about with regard to planning and zoning. Board members would like to have input/control over future conservation(cluster) plat development in Mission Township.

Board members discussed what this might look like and how best to continue to work with the county planning and zoning ordinances.

Jon Kolsted presented an overview of the process associated with assuming planning and zoning authority specifically those associated with subdivision. Jon reviewed the process of how a resident would apply for subdivision and what the township would have to do in response. Jon reviewed the 60 day rule with regard to applications and how extensions worked. Jon stated that the township can establish an ordinance where the density is more restrictive, lot size and buildable area or setbacks can be written to fit what the township wants.

Jon further advised that the board look at Crosslake subdivision ordinances. The board then needs to determine what Mission Township ordinances would look like in relation to the comprehensive

plan. Jon mentioned some wording that might include no planned unit development, no lake easements, no flag lots that allow lake access.

Jon further stated the need to accept applications at face value as the ordinances are very precise and the need to do site visits.

The board discussed what the next move for the township would be. Discussion involved searching for a person or agency that can do the administration of the township planning and zoning ordinances. Board members will contact Sourcewell and local planning and zoning administrators.

M/S/C to adjourn. Jon Auge/Jim Roach.