

MINUTES OF THE KNOX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

July 12, 2022

Call to order: The July 12, 2022, meeting of the Knox County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Dean Wilken at 7:30 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse Board of Supervisors meeting room.

Announcement of Open Meeting Act: Announcement was made where the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Roll Call: Members present: David Arens, Neil Clausen, Doug DeShazer, Robert Larsen, Jim Kotrous, Greg Kuhlman, Keith Nielsen, Rob Ganz, and Dean Wilken. Absent: none. Also present was Zoning Administrator Liz Doerr. Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, and one members of the public.

Approve Agenda & Public Notice in the Crofton Journal and Creighton News (Knox County News). Notice of the meeting was incorrectly published in the Crofton Journal and Creighton News (Knox County News) however, the press release, notice posted at the courthouse, and notice posted on the website were correct. Ganz moved, Kotrous seconded, to approve the agenda and public notice. Roll call vote showed all present in favor. Absent: none.

Approve the Minutes from the June 14, 2022, Meeting. Kotrous moved, Clausen seconded, to approve the minutes from June 14, 2022. Roll call vote showed all present in favor. Absent: none.

Ex Parte Communications: None.

Old Business: Possible amendment to the minimum lot size for a residential dwelling with onsite waste treatment in the Commercial Corridor: Doerr stated that Nick Stout had called to request that the hearing be continued until the next meeting due to a lawsuit that was filed. Wilken stated that the hearing will be continued until the next meeting. Ganz stated that he would like to close the hearing at the next meeting. He added that if they later want it reopened, the applicant will need to pay the fee again.

New Business: Middle East Landing Replat pre-application meeting: Doerr, Rob Ganz and Mike Wragge, President of their LLC, explained the request to extend the current lots and have two 3-acre lots to the south. The LLC owns the road and boat ramp and will be deeding the road to the individual lot owners and make the current road an easement that crosses the lots. They will be purchasing approximately 11 acres but they will wait for the current owner to take the hay crop off before they do much work. They are also considering putting a 30' easement between the lots and the two 3-acre lots to the south. There are already some easements for the wells that are currently there. It was encouraged that they include an easement at the south end of the lots for the two larger lots to also have access or work out an easement with the landowner to the west for access. The general consensus was for them to move forward.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: none.

Zoning Administrator's Report: The June Permit Report was reviewed. Mileage reimbursement has increased.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by Chairman Wilken.

Liz Doerr, Zoning Administrator

Approved by Planning Commission: 8-9-22

Placed on File with Board of Supervisors: 8-25-22