MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday May 27, 2021

The Planning Advisory Commission convened in regular session on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at the Pope County Courthouse, Community Meeting Room.

Members Present: Roger Isdahl, Ronald Feigum, Ivie Cooley, John Messenger, Brian Jergenson, Larry Lindor (County Commissioner) and Cody Rogahn (C.C. alt)

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director) and Shelley Cameron (Sr. Administrative Associate)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Messenger at 7:08 p.m.

The following items were addressed by the chair:

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Review Minutes of April 22, 2021
The minutes of the Planning Advisory Commission meeting held on Thursday; April 22, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion by Feigum to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Lindor seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

CUP-Craig & Barbara Wetter

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicants Craig and Barbara Wetter are present. Director Green presents staff report with a recommendation to approve with conditions stated in staff report. Director Green points out "two biggest concerns are during the grading and excavating that best management plans (BMP's) are in place during the excavation and the second concern is the visible impact that is going to happen. Staff have suggested that there be a revegetation plan adjacent to the shoreland with some trees and native vegetative planting. This would slow down the impact of a manicured lawn instead of discharging directly into the lake." Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Craig Wetter states "thank you for having us. Our main concern is a number of things. Our house will be on the flat part and the way Design Tree has designed it our house is in this envelope. The lot itself is 56,000 square feet but the buildable envelope is only 9,100 square feet. We are using as much as we can in the buildable area. So, between the house and where we are talking about the grade it is approximately 30 to 40 feet, I'm not exactly sure, and we

are looking to grade that down to the shore. We have a number of reasons why we are asking this. We have eight small grandchildren so this would be a safety issue as far as going down to the lake. It is also very difficult to mow. It has a 3-1 slope now which makes it impossible to mow. The alterations will bring it to about a 5-1 slope which will make it similar to the neighbors on both sides. So, it will much more gradual and will fit the area really well." Applicant Barbara Wetter states "the neighbors are also very complimentary towards the plan because it would help the whole neighborhood with their sites and with also fitting into the neighborhood. Also, when we were on site there is already more erosion now because it is such a slope. We would love to flatten it out a little bit where we can care for it with vegetation." Applicant Craig Wetter states "one of the recommendations that Mr. Green mentioned was to plant trees and stuff like that. We are obviously going to need to take some trees out but I am one who does not take down trees for the sake of taking down a tree. We plan on replanting for erosion control. The trees that are there now are hollow and they are already dying or dead that need to come out. This will be our retirement home so as we age, we also don't want a big hill that we have to deal with as we get older." Applicant Barbara Wetter states "even though it looks like a lot, it is 385 feet of shoreline so it is a very small percentage of the full lot but that is where the buildable envelope is. Some of it will not be in the shore impact zone either. Only a portion would be in the shore impact zone." Applicant Craig Wetter states "we will probably plant two trees for every tree we take out." Commissioner Lindor asks "where will the dirt be going that you are removing?" Applicant Craig Wetter states "we have two neighbors that are looking to use some of it and we will use some of it to make everything smoother on the lot on the north end of the property. Our plan it to bring in some top soil so that we can grow grass." Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Chairman messenger asks for comments from the site team. Cooley (site team) states "I do think we thought it was a smaller area and would not effect as many trees but I do think that they would be committed to replanting trees. It is quite steep it is almost like a bluff in that one area and when you look at the other areas down from it, they are much more gradual." Messenger (site team) states yes, I would agree and as far as trees go, some of them are about done for and would have to come out anyway and they plan to replant a large number of trees on the property to preserve the aesthetic appeal so I see no difficulty there." Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Jergenson states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Conditional Use Permit proved that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

CUP-Mark & Katherine Hoien

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicants are not present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Isdahl states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts gathered this evening, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Conditional Use Permit provided that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

CUP-Peder & Susan Barsness

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Susan Barsness is present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant had no further comments to add. Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Conditional Use Permit provided that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Jergenson seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

IUP-Mark Sand & Gravel

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Jeff Hatlewick (Mark's Sand & Gravel) is present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Jeff Hatelwick states "It has been an active pit. We haven't been using it but our competitors have. We have cleaned it up of the garbage that was left behind. We have been awarded three jobs out of this pit in Pope, Stevens, and Douglas Counties if we are allowed to receive the permit. Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley states "based upon the information as presented

in the staff report, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Interim Use Permit provided the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Feigum seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

IUP-Darrel & Lisa Olson

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Sara Wersinger is present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Sara Wersinger states "the larger camper belongs to my husband and myself and it will be located on the lot until October. My husband works construction and it is located closer to his work activities than our primary residence. I also work for Pope County and it is closer to my work as well. My husband is a brother to Lisa Olson. The other camper is owned by Lisa and Darrel Olson and they will be in and out for recreational interment use. We will, at times, have family on a weekend to visit once in a while. We have installed a well and a septic on site." Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" None noted. Chairman Messenger closes the public hearing. Comments from the site team indicate that they have no objections or concerns. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Jergenson states "based upon the information as presented in the staff report and facts as gathered this evening, I move to offer a recommendation of approval of the Interim Use Permit provided the the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Isdahl seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old Business

There was no tabled or old business.

Adjournment 8:20 p.m. Motion by Feigum to adjourn the Planning Advisory Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Lindor. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

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