MEETING MINUTES
POPE COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday September 23, 2021

The Planning Advisory Commission convened in regular session on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at the Pope County Courthouse, 3rd floor Meeting Room.

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

Other Officials Present: David Green (Land & Resource Management Director)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Messenger at 6:20 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 August 26, 2021
The minutes of the Planning Advisory Commission meeting held on Thursday; August 26, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion by Feigum to accept the minutes as written. Cooley seconded. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

IUP-Larson Gravel

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Lynn Larson is present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Applicant Lynn Larson states intentions for the site and if available for questions. Lindor asks, "how deep could the site be mined?" Director Green responds that "the depth is limited by the static ground water level by ordinance." Cooley asks a question regarding the reclamation ground cover. Larson responds that it is a mix of grasses. Isdahl, asks a question regarding the status of the adjacent gravel pit. Larson replies that was a bit more extraction to do and that reclamation will begin shortly after. 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 "it looks like a good site for gravel mining". They raise no objections or concerns. Jergenson states that Rolling Forks Township has a long-standing good relationship with Larson Gravel. Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Feigum

make motion to offer a recommendation of approval with conditions as identified in the staff report. Second by Halls. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

IUP-RV Eskelson

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Peder Eskelson present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions as stated in staff report. Applicant confirms the request for the permission to keep their RV onsite for an extended period of time. He further states that they have plans that involves either travel or construction in about three years. 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 the land use and site are nicely kept. They do not raise any 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 Conditional Use Permit provide that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." Motion seconded by Cooley. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

IUP-RV Fernholz

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Applicant Ryan Fernholz is present. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicants. Applicant stated that they just want to keep their travel trailer on site for extended period of time. Him and his wife use it intermittently throughout the summer and a bit during hunting season in the fall. They use a tent for privacy when using bathroom. They do not have immediate plans to build or develop but may put in a well in the future. After some questioning regarding grey water, the applicant stated that they would likely install a septic and construct a cabin at the same time at some point in the future. Chairman Messenger opens the public meeting and asks "is there anyone speaking in favor of this?" None noted. Chairman Messinger asks "is there anyone speaking against this?" One party, Jeannie Frederick, questions applicant about the tent, bathroom disposal and grey water discharge. She also asks a question regarding rental of the RV to which Fernholz replied that he would not be renting the RV out but may consider a VRBO in the future if there was a cabin onsite. Lindor questions the status of the tent and what is to become of it. Fernholz states that he would keep the tent unless the Commission told him to remove it.

Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Cooley offer motion to recommend approval of the Interim Use Permit and amending the staff recommended conditions to include that a porta John/Potty be onsite and to have a pumping contract also that the tent had to be removed from the site. This motion was seconded by Fiegum. Isdahl, Feigum, Cooley, Jergenson, Messenger and Commissioner Lindor in favor. Hall opposed. Motion carried.

CUP-Shoreland Alteration Magellan Pipeline Company

Chairman Messenger introduces the item. Bryan Roers was present on behalf of Magellan. Director Green presents staff report with a staff recommendation to approve with conditions as stated in staff report. Chairman Messenger asks for any additional comments from the applicant. Roer discusses the scope of work and the reason for the project. He also presented a new detailed drawing indicating the shoreline bank will be reshaped at a 3 to 1 ration as is required by Pope County ordinance. 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 noted that the site team was not able to visit this particular project site due to the access gate being locked. With no other discussion, Chairman Messenger seeks a motion. Hall 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 provide that the conditions as identified in the staff report are complied with." This motion is seconded by Jergenson. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Tabled/Old/Other Business

Director Green reintroduces the Section 3.8 Land Use table for discussion. Green states that this table will be further revised by staff and that it is expected to be an item of discussion and consideration during the October meeting. There was no further conversation on this topic.

Adjournment 7:27 p.m. Motion by Isdahl to adjourn the Planning Advisory Commission meeting. Motion seconded by Halls. Motion carried with no dissenting votes noted.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Green

David Green/Director
Pope County Land & Resource Management