

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004  
1:00 P.M. – CITY HALL

The Council for the City of Crosslake met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. The following Councilmembers were present: Mayor Darrell Swanson, Irene Schultz, Dean Eggena and Dick Phillips. Also present were City Administrator Tom Swenson, Clerk/Treasurer Darlene Roach, Community Development Director Ken Anderson, and Park & Recreation Director Jon Henke. There were two individuals in the audience.

1. Call to Order – Mayor Swanson called the special meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.
2. Review / Approve Minnesota Lawful Gambling Application for Exempt Permit from Edina Realty Foundation to Conduct a Raffle – Darlene Roach stated that Edina Realty Foundation has submitted an application to sell raffle tickets for a playhouse as they had in 2003. They would like to begin selling the raffle tickets to coincide with the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The drawing would be held during the Chili Cook-off on August 14<sup>th</sup>. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DICK PHILLIPS, SECONDED BY IRENE SCHULTZ TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT SUBMITTED BY EDINA REALTY FOUNDATION TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS ON PLAYHOUSE. Representing the Edina Realty Foundation was Diane Anderson and she explained that the proceeds from this raffle will be used to provide financial support to organizations that provide housing and related services such as counseling and medical care to homeless children, families and individuals. Locally, the Foundation has contributed to Lutheran Social Services, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army. Last year the Foundation contributed \$4,800 to these services. AYES: ALL.
3. Review Letter from Al Benson of Crosslake Recycling – The Council reviewed a letter from Al Benson of Crosslake Rolloff and Recycling notifying the City that as of February 1, 2004, Leigh Reiner would be the new owner and operator of the business and all communications and payments should now be directed to Mr. Reiner.
4. Continued Discussion regarding the Comprehensive Plan – Community Development Director Ken Anderson stated that the agenda for today would be to finish discussion on Planned Growth Area #2 and begin discussion of Planned Growth Area #3. First, the Council would need to wrap up changes to Planned Growth Area #1. Ken Anderson handed out a map of Area #1 that showed the latest changes suggested by the Council. The Council reviewed that map and everyone felt it depicted the changes they requested. Councilman Eggena questioned if the small area to the south of Area #1 should also be changed from Limited Commercial to General Commercial so that there is consistency in the

zoning. It was the consensus of the Council to change the above-mentioned area to General Commercial and to try to keep the zoning consistent.

Since the last meeting, Mayor Swanson had a resident question what would happen if the Council doesn't follow through with the proposed 200-foot buffer in the areas where the General Commercial meets the Residential. Mayor Swanson also questioned how long the process would take. Councilman Eggena stated that he wants to follow this through to the end. Councilwoman Schultz stated that she wants to have the Comprehensive Plan adopted as soon as possible. Councilman Phillips stated that he feels the same way. Ken Anderson stated that once the Council is done with discussing and making changes to the Comprehensive Plan the process to adopt could take anywhere from 45 days to several months depending on the amount of changes requested. Ken Anderson suggested that the Council could 1.) approve the Comprehensive Plan and then consider amendments to the zoning ordinance and map, or 2.) not adopt the Plan and revise the zoning ordinance and map first before simultaneously adopting the Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments. All the Councilmembers liked this second approach. Mayor Swanson estimated that the Council could finish discussion on the Future Land Use maps by the end of February and have the discussion of the remainder of Comprehensive Plan completed by the end of April. Ken Anderson added that he still would like the surrounding communities to review the Comprehensive Plan, which could take an additional 30 – 45 days. Councilman Eggena stated that the Council could still be ready to adopt the Comprehensive Plan by August, which would be before the Council election. The Council felt it would be important to complete this project before the election, so that it does not become a political issue.

Mayor Swanson shared pictures of a building Bedminster, NJ where he served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for 6 years. The building in the picture appears to be a home, however, it is actually a Burger King restaurant. Mayor Swanson stated that the historical group in Bedminster were the most powerful people in the town and were able to require businesses to preserve the historic buildings. The Mayor wanted to impress upon the Councilmembers that they can make the City look the way they want it to. Mayor Swanson gave these pictures to Ken Anderson so that during the public hearings for the Comprehensive Plan, residents could see what is possible.

Still discussing Area #1, Mayor Swanson questioned why the Lutheran Church property on Daggett Pine Road was shown as Public / Semi-public. Councilman Eggena suggested that it be zoned Low Density Residential. Ken Anderson said he would make that change.

Ken Anderson pointed out that there is an issue of "spot zoning" with Ox Lake Tavern which is currently zoned Waterfront Commercial and is surrounded by Medium Density Residential. Councilman Eggena stated that it is his opinion to leave this zoned as is and is in favor of protecting Waterfront Commercial property because there is not very much of it.

Moving the discussion to Planned Growth Area #2, Ken Anderson handed out maps of the general area and surrounding areas. At the last meeting, the Council requested to keep residential areas surrounding the golf course. The map showed that all the property owned by the Stones would be zoned Urban Density Residential. Councilman Eggena stated it was his opinion to leave the area east of the golf course zoned as Low Density Residential so that hobby farm types of property could develop. Mayor Swanson added that it would be ideal to keep this area Low Density Residential surrounding the Pine View Townhomes.

The Council continued to look at the zoning for all the areas on the map including Area #2. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the zoning of each parcel. Some changes were suggested and Ken Anderson was directed to put together an updated map for the next meeting. Councilman Eggena also requested to have a map with a closer view of the golf course area at the next meeting so further discussion could take place on that area.

The next special meeting of the Council to continue discussions of the Comprehensive Plan will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. in City Hall. Councilman Phillips left the meeting at 2:35 P.M.

A discussion ensued regarding the parking lot at the intersection of County Road 66 and County Road 3. The County has jurisdiction over the corner and maintains the parking lot. Questions were raised whether or not the City should attempt to acquire this parcel from the County. The Council discussed what would happen if the City owned this parking lot and plowed the parking lot in the winter, whether other business owners would also want their lots plowed by the City. Tom Swenson mentioned that the County wants to keep ownership of this corner, should a traffic light ever need to be installed there. It was the consensus of the Council to do nothing with this corner and allow the County to keep maintaining it.

A discussion ensued regarding the future development of the river property south of downtown. It was suggested to let the residents debate this issue at a public hearing. It is the vision of this Council to have the areas adjacent to the river be zoned as Low Density Residential, but that they would like to hear from the residents before making a decision.

7. Adjourn – A MOTION WAS MADE BY IRENE SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY DEAN EGGENA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:22 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.



Charlene Nelson  
Deputy Clerk