

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
CITY OF CROSSLAKE
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013
6:00 P.M. – COMMUNITY CENTER

The Council for the City of Crosslake met at the Community Center on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. The following Council Members were present: Mayor Darrell Schneider, Steve Roe, Gary Heacox, John Moengen and Mark Wessels. Also present were City Administrator/Consultant Dan Vogt, City Clerk Char Nelson, Park and Recreation Director Jon Henke, Finance Director/Treasurer Mike Lyonais, GIS Coordinator Bryan Hargrave, City Attorney Brad Person, Chris Pence of Crow Wing County Land Services Department, Northland Press Reporter Paul Boblett and Echo Publishing Reporter Kate Perkins. There were approximately forty people in the audience.

Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Chris Pence of the Crow Wing County Land Services Department gave a brief summary of the Crosslake Planning and Zoning Department Assessment. The meeting was then opened for public comment.

WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED ON 6/11/13

Frank Lindholm

P.O. Box 518

Concerns about the amount of local government control of our property.

Roger Roy

36573 Shores Drive

P&Z cannot change the way the way the director in charge of P&Z conducts City business. The City must remove the man in charge (Ken Anderson) to help the City's continued housing growth and the health of all businesses.

E.H. Miller

West Shore Drive

Please consider effectiveness of employed staff in Planning and Zoning (Anderson). He/they must be evidence based and practical and communicators.

WAPOA

Dave Fischer

36412 Rushmoor Blvd

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VERBAL COMMENTS

Charles McCulloch
15428 Dream Island Circle

The fact that the Council is not responding to comments or questions tonight makes me think that the Council is hiding something.

Dick Dietz
38559 Manhattan Drive

I support WAPOA's comments. The Council should be embarrassed of themselves and hire a consultant to review the Council.

Pat Netko

36084 County Road 66

I did not receive a survey but I got a call from the County. I did a new project on my building this year. It was somewhat painful but I followed the rules. The staff was helpful and knowledgeable. The ordinance could probably be re-written but the City just spent a lot of money on the re-codification. The Council is not very supportive of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Sometimes the Commission has to say no. Rules are necessary. If the ordinance does not allow something, the Council needs to say no.

Mark Wessels

Councilmember

The County held several public meetings like this one. They took input from the public on what they liked or didn't like. The County incorporated those opinions into their ordinance.

Jim Talbott

12604 Manhattan Point Blvd

Nobody agrees with all of the suggestions. What will the Council do after this meeting if no more input is given from the public?

Darrell Schneider

Mayor

I am in favor of re-writing the Ordinance.

Dave Fischer

36412 Rushmoor Blvd

There is an elephant in the room and nobody wants to address it. There was a resolution proposed to the Council at one time to have the County Land Services Department take over the Planning and Zoning Department. Is this still relevant? If the County took over, would the Crosslake Planning and Zoning Commission still exist? Or would the Council take matters to District Court at a cost of approximately \$50,000?

Darrell Schneider

Mayor

We need to know what the people want. I don't want outside people on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The County procedure makes sense and they had good results.

Steve Roe

Councilmember

It is the Council's turn to take this report and make recommendations. Then it should be brought back to this group. Changes are needed. We need to make a plan and set policy. I have no problem with Chris Pense's work and most of it is true.

Mark Wessels
Councilmember

The re-codification cost approximately \$8,000. In the Comp Plan, which many people in the audience participated in creating, Goal #2 reads, "Support a strong, ongoing working relationship between Crosslake, Crow Wing County, and the adjacent Townships in all matters related to planning and the provision of public services."

We want to retain Planning and Zoning services and do not want them taken out of town. We are not suggesting that the County take over.

Virginia Merrill
12340 Brookwood Circle

I think you have the cart before the horse. There needs to be an ordinance before we can decide who enforces it. Look at our ordinance and where changes need to be made. I am not concerned with the County. We need to decide what's best for Crosslake.

Darrell Schneider
Mayor

We want the public to be involved.

Mark Wessels
Councilmember

The blueprint for the County ordinance was the State Shoreland Ordinance. In the past the State has mandated that the counties adopt their ordinance and eventually the counties make cities adopt it too.

Dick Dietz
38559 Manhattan Drive

There is a lot of talk of changing the Ordinance, but it won't make a difference unless the Council enforces the Ordinance and supports Planning and Zoning.

Darrell Schneider
Mayor

We need to look at the outstanding violations and decide which ordinances need to be removed. Many parts of the Ordinance are old because other Councils adopted them.

Wayne Lindholm
35457 Sand Pointe Drive

I think it is a good idea to look at the way others have done things and not try to reinvent the wheel.

Elaine Miller

35728 West Shore Drive

We began shoreline construction in the fall of 2009. We received a threatening letter from Planning and Zoning because we did not have an appropriate permit. We were told to stop the work and remove the rock that had already been placed or the City may take us to court. We tried to work with Planning and Zoning and they were on our property twice. They said they wanted the property to have an "untouched look." Terracing is done on other lakes and properties. We lost almost \$10,000. We recommend that the Ordinance and Planning and Zoning decisions are founded on evidence, that nurseries and property owners be treated equally, and that the Council take responsibility for complaints made against the City.

Dave Fischer

36412 Rushmoor Blvd

You said that you would make a decision at the next Council meeting. I have some suspicion because Mr. Wessels keeps using the term "we" yet there has been no formal discussion regarding this report. I would like to see the Council make a recommendation at the next meeting and bring it back to us before a decision is made.

Charles McCulloch

15428 Dream Island Circle

How can you call this an open meeting? It's the worst meeting ever.

Roger Roy

36573 Shores Drive

I have been in business in Crosslake since 1997. Crosslake is going downhill and businesses are struggling. In the past Planning and Zoning "owned" the Council. I think there have been good comments tonight and hats off to the Council for doing a good job.

John Moengen

Councilmember

There was a lot of pressure to change Planning and Zoning when I ran for Council. There are only approximately 45 people here tonight out of about 2,000. What does that mean? Citizens are always bending my ear about Planning and Zoning. We need to move together as a team. Water quality is an issue for everyone and the rules should be the same on all the lakes, not different in each community. The County does surveys and measuring satisfaction is a good tool. There are many gray areas in the Ordinance and that needs to be changed and we need the community's input to do that.

Deb Doerfler

16668 County Road 36

I have worked and lived here for over 30 years. When I used to call the County's Planning and Zoning Department, I would get two different answers from two different people to the same

question. That doesn't happen anymore. It is important to get the same answer no matter who you ask and to have a clear Ordinance. The stories in the report are real. Those people did not get clear answers. The Ordinance is cumbersome. Some people are afraid of Planning and Zoning. It needs to be reorganized.

Marlo Miller
35728 West Shore Drive

Don't be in a hurry to get this done. Listen to the people and get it done right.

Frank Lindholm
35457 Sand Pointe Drive

The character of the City is changing. We need to move with the times. You should reduce government and simplify the rules. It is important for people to find out what the rules are before they start a project. Maybe the rules could be published more frequently.

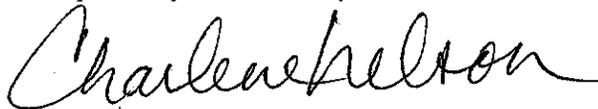
Gary Heacox
Councilmember

There are many interpretations of our Ordinance and it needs to be simplified.

MOTION 06S1-01-13 WAS MADE BY STEVE ROE, SECONDED BY DARRELL SCHNEIDER, TO DIRECT THE CITY COUNCIL TO NOT MAKE A FINAL DECISION REGARDING ACTION ON THE CROSSLAKE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY THE CROW WING COUNTY LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO DIRECT THE CITY COUNCIL TO OUTLINE A PROPOSAL REGARDING CHANGES TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND TO BRING THE PROPOSAL TO THE PUBLIC AT A FUTURE MEETING. Mr. Roe stated that he would like to have conversation with the public at a meeting to discuss the proposed changes. Mark Wessels stated that he is against the motion because he would like to see the Council take some action at the next Council meeting even if it is adopting a few recommendations from the County proposal. Mayor Schneider agreed that the Council should take action if possible. John Moengen stated that he wants to move forward in making a plan but that the public should have a chance to respond before a final decision is made. MOTION PASSED 3-2 WITH WESSELS AND SCHNEIDER OPPOSED.

There being no further business at 7:50 P.M., MOTION 06S1-02-13 WAS MADE BY JOHN MOENGEN AND SECONDED BY MARK WESSELS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted by,

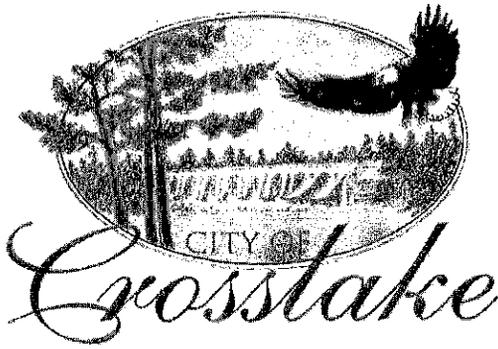


Charlene Nelson
City Clerk

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SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
DARRELL SCHNEIDER	12481 Arrowhead Ln. Crosslake	692-4572
Kate Perkins	35290 Riverwood Trl	855-5858
Dave Neoin	15024 Wilderness Trail	820-3568
Linda Andrews	11316 Manhattan Pk Blvd	513-807-4480
GERALD BRENE	36252 PEVE Bm, CER.	692-5157
Pat Netko	36084 County Rd 66 Crosslake	692-4411
PAUL BOBLET	Northland Park	
Sandy Melberg	12644 Archer Pt Rd	692-4948
Gold Melberg	12644 Archer Pt Rd	692-4948
Chris Penn	CWC 302 Laurel St BRN	821-1125
Patty Ingham	37104 Bunchose Rd.	692-5370
WAYNE LINDHELM	SAND POINTE M.-C.L.	692-4072
Frank Lindholm	sand pointe Dr. C.L.	692-4072
Dick Dietz	37670 Co Rd 66	543-4552
Red Thayer	"	692-4056
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JOE BROD L	35518 W Shore Dr	692-2066
Charles McCallach	15428 Plein Isl Cir	218-820-3695
Joel Krueger	36234 Talon Trl	218-820-1347
FRANK LARSON	Allen / Tran Sz	218-831-7653
Mike O'Connell	35411 Revoradon Court Crosslake	218-831-6787
Kim Anderson	14526 Wildwood Dr	218-692-1492
CARL STEARBERG	34159 Nappy Landing Rd	612-730-8495



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Address: P.O. Box 518

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Name: EH Meloy

Address: W. Shore Drive

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& communicators.

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name *DAVE FISHER*
Address *36412 RUSHMOOR BLVD*
Representing Whitefish Area Property Owners Association

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