

**CITY OF CROSSLAKE  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
AND RECONVENE PUBLIC HEARING  
6:00 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Jay Andolshek, Rusty Taubert, Dean Swanson, Steve Roe, and Irene Schultz.

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman (Acting) Mike Winkels, Nancy Addington, Dale Melberg, Ron Hagen, and Dave Schrupp (Alternate).

**NOT PRESENT:** Chairman Peter Abler.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tom Swenson, City Administrator; Ken Anderson, Community Development Director; Lane Braaten, Planner/Zoning Coordinator; Dave Reese, City Engineer; and Mike Couri, City Attorney (arrived at 6:43 P.M.).

**SPECIAL MEETING/CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jay Andolshek called the special joint meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. The Mayor went over the agenda for the meeting. Acting Chairperson Michael Winkels reconvened the Public Hearing at 6:06 P.M. Mr. Winkels provided introductory comments regarding the content of the meeting and conduct for the public hearing.

**Review advisory commission recommended changes to the Comprehensive Plan.** Ken Anderson, Community Development Director, explained the reason for the meeting and made the citizens, Commissioners and Council members aware of the public comments that were posted from the Joint Meeting and Public Hearing that was held on July 24, 2008 and being reconvened tonight. Mr. Anderson gave a brief explanation of the public comments and the recommendations made by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Public Works Commission, and the Park and Recreation Commission as presented in writing in the agenda packet materials. He noted both the Public Work and Park and Recreation Commissions recommended keeping the road and trails as proposed for the Milinda Shores area.

June Wallace, 37310 Silver Peak Road, Crosslake, presented a petition to the City Council objecting to the expansion of walking and bicycling trails along Silver Peak Road, Jason Lane, Staley Lane, Milinda Shores Road, and Harbor Lane. Ms. Wallace presented an original signed petition with sixty-six signatures opposing the development of roads and trails. Ms. Wallace stated that her property was crucial to the development of the trails and roads in this area and she was not in favor of it. Ms. Wallace saw no good reason for the development of more roads and trails in the area due to the fact that the existing trails were not used. She stated that the proposed plans would result in increased taxes and with the recent economic downturn this could not be justified. Ms. Wallace explained that most of the people in the area did not want the trails and the development of new ones was unnecessary.

Dick Jordan, 37229 Lake Country Drive, Ideal Corners, stated that the density in the area of Milinda Shores Road and Silver Peak Road is very small and he didn't understand why the possible trail or road connection would be needed. He believed a trail would only draw people into the area and he wanted to keep it private. Mr. Jordan stated that he did not see the benefits in this possible road/trail connection.

Jacqueline Peterson, 12121 Milinda Shores Road, Crosslake, stated that she would really like walking paths in the area. She explained that when you meet an automobile on certain sections of the Milinda Shores Road you feel like you are going to get hit. She stated that the people in the area needed a place to walk.

Roger Peterson, 12121 Milinda Shores Road, stated that he and his wife walk nearly everyday and that it was not uncommon in the summer months to see 10 to 12 people walking along Milinda Shores Road. He stated that he has seen situations where cars have forced bicyclers into the ditch and woods in order to avoid being hit. Furthermore, Mr. Peterson stated that a road connection in the area for emergency purposes makes nothing but sense.

Mike McMahon, 12308 Milinda Shores Road, Crosslake, stated that if the effected property owners in the area do not want the trails or road connections, then the City Council should hear their comments and not force something in. Jay Andolshek explained to Mr. McMahon and the citizens attending the meeting that these connections are possibilities and that they were not spending any money to build them in the near future. Mr. McMahon replied that he had no problem with long range planning, but he failed to see how the development of the roads and trails benefited him financially. Mr. Anderson further explained that the road connection and trail maps were a guide for connections in the future and that people should not be under the misconception that the roads and trails were going to be built next year.

Diane Dorr-Ruzin, 12648 Whitefish Trail, Crosslake, stated that she was a property owner and a business owner and she wondered how adoption of the Comprehensive Plan would benefit the City and the businesses within the City? Ms. Dorr-Ruzin stated that she supported the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan, but her major concern was how the businesses and the City could work together to make the City of Crosslake a better town.

Terry Curtis, 13423 County Road 103, stated that he wanted to make the citizens aware that the Comprehensive Plan is a guide, but it does carry some weight and will be referenced when decisions are made in the future. He went on to say that if the majority of property owners in any certain area of the City are not in favor of a change that is proposed, then the change should not be forced through. Mr. Curtis reminded the City Council that the Comprehensive Plan was 5-1/2 years old and that they should not feel obligated to pass the plan as is. Mr. Curtis referenced a letter that he had submitted to the Council stating that commercial property is increasingly "infringing upon residential areas and in the proposed future land use maps commercial zoning is advocated into the

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> tiers off county roads.” Mr. Curtis asked the City Council to adopt goals to protect and preserve the nature of the area.

Discussion followed regarding possible changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Steve Roe commented that he believed Planned Growth Area #1 was a questionable area and that he did not agree with the possibility of this area being moved toward commercial uses. He felt that this Planned Growth Area No. 1 should be changed from commercial to residential to reflect the current zoning in the area.

Discussion followed regarding zoning and uses within Planned Growth Area #1.

Jay Andolshek stated that they would not be changing the zoning in the area, and that this was a conceptual plan for the future. Mr. Andolshek explained that the controlling document within the City of Crosslake would still be the Zoning Map and the Comprehensive Plan would be used as a reference. Discussion followed regarding the zoning ordinance and the comprehensive plan and how each of them would be used for planning purposes.

Dean Swanson reiterated the point that the Comprehensive Plan was just a plan and Irene Schultz agreed with him stating that it is just a plan and that it can be changed if necessary.

In reference to Planned Growth Area #1, Jay Andolshek stated that people have complained over time that the town was too spread out and he believed that it was the original idea to allow for a cluster of commercial development areas to remedy this problem. Terry Curtis stated that he respectfully disagreed and that if the area was proposed to be commercial a developer, by using the Comprehensive Plan, could begin to develop the area as commercial. Mr. Curtis stated that once something is changed it is tougher to go backward than to change the current plan now to reflect what you want.

Discussion followed regarding Planned Growth Area #1.

Steve Roe stated that the northern line of proposed Planned Growth Area #1 should be adjusted so as to not include the northern properties currently zoned R-1, Low Density Residential. Dean Swanson agreed with Mr. Roe stating that the line should be adjusted and that the current zoning in the area is a good reflection of where the line should be. Discussion followed regarding the possible change to Planned Growth Area #1.

Kista Brunkhorst, 14150 Swann Drive, Crosslake, asked the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commissioners how much time they had spent looking at and working on the current version of the Comprehensive Plan. Michael Winkels replied that the Planning and Zoning Commission had been working on the Comprehensive Plan for 2 years. Discussion followed regarding the validity of a document that is 5-1/2 years old since the City has changed so much in the last 5 years. Ms. Brunkhorst commented that this is the busiest time of year for business owners and she questioned the time of year

that the Commission and Council had chosen to finalize the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that a lot of business owners were too busy at this time to attend the meetings and also felt that there has been a strong lack of communication between the City and the citizens.

The Mayor noted that the City Council regularly receives complaints that they make important decisions in the winter months when no one is around to participate in the decision-making process. This is the third public hearing and it has been well advertised to gain as much public input as possible.

MOTION BY MICHAEL WINKELS, SECOND BY DALE MELBERG TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:20 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL "AYES."

MOTION BY DALE MELBERG, SECOND BY RON HAGEN TO RECOMMEND FOR APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF PLANNED GROWTH AREA #1 TO COINCIDE WITH THE ZONING MAP AND WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE TRAIL AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL "AYES."

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ADJOURN:**

MOTION BY NANCY ADDINGTON, SECOND BY DALE MELBERG TO ADJOURN THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION PORTION OF THE MEETING AT 7:25 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL "AYES."

**CITY COUNCIL ADJOURN:**

MOTION WAS MADE BY DEAN SWANSON, SECOND BY RUSTY TAUBERT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL "AYES."

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by Lane Braaten

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lane Braaten', is written over a horizontal line.

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Leo Frank	37670 Co Rd 66	692-4056
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Doreen Jordan	" "	" "
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Mike & Shirley McMahon	13308 Milinda Shore Rd	(218) 543-4003
Roger & Christine Roy	36477 City Rd 66 Cross Lake	218 692 4484
Roger & Carol Roy	36573 Shores Dr CL	692-3204
Joe Anderson	12174 Milinda Shore Dr.	
Lee Johnson	37166 Milinda Shore Rd	543-6885
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