



**MINUTES OF THE PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
December 1, 2021**

1. **Call meeting to order, Pledge of Allegiance and confirmation of meeting notice** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Dave Klug. The pledge of allegiance was recited, and Clerk Bob Eichner confirmed proper notice of the meeting
2. **Roll Call** – Member present: Chairman David Klug, John Bales, Chad Johnson, Arlyn Johnson, David Behringer, Bob Hartwig, Marcy Bishop, Richard Deming, and Randy Vogel were present. Also present were Zoning Administrator Jim Micech, and town Clerk Bob Eichner.
3. **Approval of the agenda** – Motion by Bales, seconded by Bishop, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, 9-0.
4. **Any Town Resident to comment on any agenda item** – Three Town residents spoke in support of the Ericksons regarding agenda item 7; Ms. Angie Bartkus, 741 Crest Hill Court, stated that the Ericksons had been maintaining the current number of cattle for a while and wondered why this was suddenly an issue. Ms. Lori Mcraw, 2708 Sherman Road, stated that the Ericksons ‘family farm’ was an asset to the Town. Mr. John Lamb, 2809 Jackson Drive, believed we should have more small farms like the Erickson’s.
5. **Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Meeting** – Motion by Bishop, seconded by Hartwig, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 Parks and Planning meeting. Motion carried, 9-0.
6. **Public Hearing - Kevin & Rebecca Eickstedt – 1689 State HWY 60 – T7-0586 - Installation of an outdoor wood burning stove.** Notice of public hearing read by Micech. Motion by C. Johnson; second by Behringer to open the public hearing; motion carried, 9-0.  

Mr. Ron Eickstedt a neighbor to the east of the subject site stated no objections to the proposed stove.

No other persons spoke for or against the proposed installation. Motion by C. Johnson, second by Bales to close the public hearing. Motion carried, 9-0. No further action was taken.
7. **Chad & Jodi Erickson – 2045 Mill Road – T7-0737-00A – Complaint received regarding number of agricultural animals permitted in A-1 Zoning per 3.03(A)(9)(a)(b)(c)(d). Proposed time frame for reduction in total animals to meet compliance.** – Administrator Micech reported the reasons for this item to appear on the agenda. Micech stated that the Town does not actively look for code non-compliance but the Town must respond to valid written complaints or concerns. In this case, a letter was received expressing concern over the number of animals being kept on the Erickson’s property, which is 5.67 acres. Upon investigation, Micech did cite the Ericksons for the code non-compliance. The Ericksons requested to be put on the Agenda for this meeting.  

Erickson read a prepared statement explaining the history and current operations of the farm. They started with 3 pigs, 18 chickens and 4 beef cattle. Ms. Erickson did acknowledge that the farm is currently non-compliant with the code. She also stated that they are using farming techniques that allow for more animals on a smaller farm lot and that they have had overwhelming support for their farm. Ms. Erickson proposed that it may be time to reconsider



this ordinance so that they can continue their current operation. This is not a ‘hobby farm’. Mr. Erickson has a full-time job, starting at 2am off site and then attends to the animals when he gets home.

As of the date of this meeting, two mini-pigs have been moved off-site, there are only 10 chickens on site, and a sow is scheduled for slaughter in January, 2022. There are currently 10 beef cattle on-site with Slaughter dates of 6-3, 6-17, 7-9, and 9-2.

The Commissioners took turns asking clarifying questions and gathering information. Among these were: have the Ericksons attempted to add property to the current farm to get above the 10-acre limit, methods of feeding the livestock and handling of the waste, and the compliant number of animals allowed on the present acreage. To the last question Micech stated that, if the Ericksons wanted to keep the 10 chickens then they could have a maximum of 2 beef cattle to be compliant with the current code.

Chairman Klug assured the Ericksons that they were not being singled out, and that the current code is similar to other communities in the surrounding area. Klug also stated that when this section was passed a few years ago, there was very little input from the residents of the Town.

Motion by A. Johnson, seconded by C. Johnson to require the Erickson’s to be in compliance by October 1, 2022, through the pre-arranged slaughter dates. Motion carried, 9-0.

- 8. Mitch Krueger – 3510 County Road P – T7-0517-00E – B-2 Zoning – Concept discussion of proposed land division and to build a detached accessory building.** – Micech presented a request from Mr. Krueger on a proposed land division and accessory building construction. The Krueger land is one of three legal, nonconforming B-2 business lots. After discussion it was suggested that Mr. Krueger pursue the land Division but he will need to seek a variance from the Board of Appeals for the accessory structure. No further action was taken.
- 9. Anton & Janice Matuszak – 4736 Maple Road – T7-0074, T7-0075, and T7-0076 – Concept Plan for proposed land division for a single-family residential subdivision - A-1 Zoning –** Mr. Matuszak presented a subdivision of a 40-acre parcel. The lots will be 5 acre minimum to retain the A-1 zoning and would be served by a private road 1000’ maximum length. Comm. Vogel asked if a mixed zoning was considered, A-1 lots on the west half of the parcel and an R-1 zoned cluster development on the east half. Mr. Matuszak will investigate this proposal. No further action was taken.
- 10. Parks and Building Facility Committee Report** – A. Johnson reported that the committee has started to flesh out a draft for a new contract with the Jackson Area Youth Baseball Association (JAYBA) for use of the park facilities. The draft will be made available for review at either the January or February Parks & Planning Commission Meeting.
- 11. Zoning Administrator’s Report** – Administrator Micech reported that he did meet with the Ericksons and will continue to monitor the progress. There has been some progress on the Schulenberg property cleanup, and Micech may grant and extension of his order for a few more items.
- 14. Correspondence and announcements** - None
- 15. Adjournment of Parks and Planning Commission** – Motion by Vogel, seconded by Bales to adjourn at 8:39pm. Motion Carried, 9-0



Respectfully submitted,

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Jim Micech, Zoning Administrator

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Bob Eichner, Town Clerk

**Next Resolution Number: J-21-005**  
**Next Ordinance Number: J-21-008**  
**Next Conditional Use Permit Number J-21-003**