

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
May 25th, 2010 @7:30P.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of Castle Rock Township was held on Monday, April 26th, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Sandy Weber Chair, Arlyn Lamb Vice Chair Monique Berg, Mark Wagenknecht and Lori Abeln, member and Secretary. Also present were Mark Molitor, Eric Ruud, Joel Barsness, Allen Swenson, Dennis Freiermuth and Jon Juenke.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sandy Weber called the meeting to order at 7:30.M. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

REVIEW/APPROVE

***Monique Berg made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded it to approve the minutes of the April 26th PC Reorganizational meeting. Motion carries 5 ayes.**

***Mark Wagenknecht made a motion and Monique Berg seconded it to approve the minutes of the April 26th, 2010 PC Reconvened Public Hearing-IUP-Disc. Golf. Motion carries 5 ayes.**

***Monique Berg made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded it to approve the minutes of the April 26th PC Regular meeting minutes with the changes being made to read as follows:**

Arlyn Lamb read page 3 of section 4 of the Castle Rock Township Ordinance book addressing the land zoning. He also read from page 22 of section 6.04. Motion carries 5 ayes.

BUILDING PERMITS

- Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Mark Wagenknecht seconded it to approve a building permit for Dennis Freiermuth 1660 270th St. W., Randolph-add garage and convert existing garage into family room. Motion carries 5 ayes.
- Mark Wagenknecht made a motion and Monique Berg seconded it to approve addition of detached garage for Allen Swenson pending he has all paperwork submitted to the Clerk so she can distribute to the Board of Supervisors one week prior to their June 8th meeting (Deadline is June 1st) to review setbacks. Motion carries 5 ayes.
- Arlyn Lamb made a motion and Mark Wagenknecht seconded it to approve the building of a new grain bin on existing footings for Jon Juenke, Blaine Avenue. Motion carries 5 ayes. **Mark Wagenknecht** asked the Board of Supervisors to please review the permit fees and fine fees assessed in this specific instance.

Monique Berg made a motion and Arlyn Lamb seconded it to approve the land of Joel Barsness, Ag. Preserve of less than 40 be allowed into the **Metro** Ag. Preserve. Motion carries 5 ayes **according to Exception Subd. 4. 20 acre exception as Joel Barsness has more than 20 acres in being presently farmed & has land adjacent directly to the North and East of him being farmed. This exception reads as follows:**

Contiguous long-term agricultural land comprising not less than 20 acres and surrounded by eligible land on not less than two sides shall be eligible for designation as an agricultural preserve provided the authority by resolution determines that: (i) the land area predominantly comprises Class I, II, III, or irrigated Class IV land according to the Land Capability Classification Systems of the Soil Conservation Service and the county soil survey;

(ii) the land area is considered by the authority to be an essential part of the agricultural region; and (iii) the parcel was a parcel of record prior to January 1, 1980, or the land was an agricultural preserve prior to becoming a separate parcel of at least 20 acres.

NEW BUSINESS

*Ag Preserve land less than 40 acre parcels requesting to be allowed in Ag Preserve must normally be land that qualifies as Ag Preserve according to Gloria Pinke 473H03 Required Size of Parcel: Exceptions.

*PC needs to listen and make judgment on a case by case basis as to be met as specified in the Castle Rock Ordinances.

*PC needs to address concerns according to correspondence and allowed uses.

*PC will when possible record specific sections as well as pages to help with efficiency.

*Historic Site Discussion. Arlyn Lamb will do some investigation as to what qualifies as a Historic Site. This info could be helpful in order for various Historic Sites to receive grants or funding available should they meet requirements/criteria.

Mark Wagenknecht made a motion and Monique Berg seconded it to adjourn. 5 ayes.

ADJOURN 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Abeln, Secretary