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**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION**

July 27th, 2010, @7:30P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the Planning Commission of Castle Rock Township was held on Tuesday, July 27th, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Sandy Weber Chair, Mark Wagenknecht, Arlyn Lamb, Monique Berg and Lori Abeln, member and Secretary. Also present were Pat Higgins Sr., Norbert Kuhn, Joe May, Ken Betzold, Eric Ruud, Mark Molitor, Ariel Kiefer, Susan Carmichael, Alexis Kiefer, Mike Kiefer, Russ Zellmer, Mike Beltz, Mark Beltz, and David Sodergren.

CALL TO ORDER

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

REVIEW/APPROVE

- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Lamb made a motion to approve the June 22nd special meeting minutes-Beltz variance with changes as follows: Ken Betzold was present not Keri. And the word associate was mistyped. Motion carries 4 ayes. Berg abstained because she was not present.
- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Lamb made a motion to approve the June 22nd special meeting minutes-Juenke variance. Motion carries 4 ayes. Berg abstained because she was not present.
- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Lamb made a motion to approve the June 22nd special meeting minutes-ReAnna Stables CUP with the following changes made: The word toward was misspelled, and Ken Betzold was present not Keri. The following statement should also be removed "Mark Wagenknecht suggested that the permit should be for an IUP". Motion carries 4 ayes. Berg abstained because she was not present.
- **MOTION:** Lamb/Wagenknecht made a motion to approve the June 22nd regular meeting minutes with the following changes made: Ken Betzold not Keri. The motion made by Wagenknecht/Lamb requesting Board of Supervisors to allot monies for Dean Johnson and Bob Bauer to be present at the Clustering Public meeting. Motion carries 4 ayes. Berg abstained because she was not present.
- **MOTION:** Lamb/Wagenknecht made a motion to approve Beltz variance and new site plan. Finding of facts: Past precedent has been set, we encourage keeping business in the business sector of the community, the shed on the property will need to be moved or removed and the properties will need to be merged to be platted into a single lot, or at minimum that the lots be combined into one single parcel. Motion carries 4 ayes. Berg abstained because she was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Ruud and Ken Betzold

BUILDING PERMITS

- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Berg made a motion to approve the permit for Dakota City Heritage, Farmington MN, Blacksmith shop, replace door enlarging it from 26" to 30" allowing handicapped accessibility. Motion carries 4 ayes. Arlyn Lamb abstained.
- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Lamb made a motion to approve the permit for Castle Rock & Roll, Northfield, MN, gazebo on patio. Motion carries 5 ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/CLUSTERING

- Joe May spoke, he thinks the question to allow clustering should be added to the ballot and the public should decide.
- Ken Betzold believes the topic should be closed due to the fact the Township is under litigation.
- Pat Higgins believes it should be decided upon popular vote not how many acres are involved.
- Eric Ruud stated on many occasions that he would like to see fairness practiced to be exercised. The turnover and derailed issues the boards have allowed the process in his opinion to not be fair practice.
- Mike Kiefer states that he feels we should do things to the letter of the law and quotes page 76 of the ordinance book. This would be an ordinance change not a zoning change. The three criteria listed have not been met.
- Mark Molitor feels that the Boards were voted on by the township people and those people should respect the actions that the Boards take.
- Arlyn Lamb states that the aesthetics of the township is very important and that the Mission of Castle Rock is to remain Ag. and the Mn. Ag. Council also supports this.
- Increased costs for maintenance of roads and the increase of county and state taxes was addressed.

FINDINGS OF FACT: At this time the Planning Commission requests that if the Board of Supervisors wants the Planning Commission to pursue clustering that the Board of Supervisors make a specific directive to the Planning Commission.

- **MOTION:** Wagenknecht/Berg made a motion to adjourn. Motion carries 5 ayes.

ADJOURN 9:15 P.M.

Next Meeting Aug. 24th at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Abeln, Secretary