

**CASTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
January 25, 2016**

The Regular meeting of the Planning Commission of Castle Rock Township was held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7 p.m. Present were Jon Juenke, Chair; Jeff Partington, Vice-Chair; Gerald Larson, Mary Ann Enggren, and Barbara Lang, Secretary. Also in attendance was Lahcen Grass.

Jon Juenke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**

- **Gerald Larson / Mary Ann Enggren made a motion to approve the Planning Commission agenda. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA REVIEW / APPROVE:**

- PC 12-21-15 Public Hearing Minutes
  - PC 12-21-15 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Mary Ann Enggren / Gerald Larson made a motion to approve the Minutes. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

**REVIEW / APPROVE: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion about property at 1462 260<sup>th</sup> St E
- Mr. Grass indicated that he has made an offer with the bank for this property. He gave a brief description of his family and background, which includes over 25 years of experience working with agriculture. He is interested in developing the property into a hobby farm for hydroponic farming. The project would be done in phases. Hydroponic farming is environmentally friendly, and conserves water. Approximately 95% of the water used is recycled. Most water loss is from normal evaporation.

His plan is that some of the buildings that are in bad repair would be demolished. They would like to build a new residence on the property. Jon Juenke inquired if there is a buildable available, and Barbara Lang confirmed that there is one buildable for this quarter section, as none of the existing buildings have been considered to be residential structures. Ms. Lang recommended that Mr. Grass make an appointment to meet with our Building Inspector at the property to discuss what can and can't be done prior to beginning this project so time and money aren't wasted.

As he would be using the property for agricultural purposes, this matches the zoning for the area. Permits will be required to demolish any of the old buildings, as well as all required permits for a new residence.

**Barbara Lang / Mary Ann Enggren made a motion to recommend that the buyer proceed with the necessary arrangements to establish a hydroponic farm and build a new residence on the property, with a recommendation that the buyer should work with the Building Inspector before proceeding. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Clerk Barbara Lang pointed out that copies of correspondence were being provided tonight regarding the Lee Bremer parcels so everyone would have a chance to review before next month's meeting when Mr. Hvistendahl, Mr. Bremer's attorney, has asked to be on the agenda.

**Gerald Larson / Jon Juenke made a motion to adjourn. 5 ayes. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Lang, Town Clerk

Attest: Jon Juenke, Chair - Castle Rock Planning Commission