



PLANNING COMMISSION MARCH REGULAR MEETING

Council Chambers, 800 1st Terrace, Lansing, KS 66043
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER- The regular January meeting of the Lansing Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Jake Kowalewski at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM ANNOUNCEMENT- In attendance were Chairman Jake Kowalewski, Commissioners Amy Baker, Nancy McDougal, Mike Suozzo, Janette Labee-Holdeman and Jerry Gies. Chairman Kowalewski noted that there was a quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. Approval of Minutes, January 19, 2022, Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Suozzo to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Commissioner McDougal. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS-

2. Preliminary Plat Application Case # SDPP-2022-1

Application submitted by Brian & Lisa Rees, owners of property at 1217 S De Soto Road, and John & Donna Scanlon, owners of property at 1227 S De Soto Road. They are seeking approval of a preliminary plat for the Reeslon Addition subdivision, which will replat an existing unplatted tract (1217 S. De Soto Road) and Lot 1 (1227 S. De Soto Road) of Southern Hills Subdivision Plat 2.

Commissioner McDougal started the discussion by asking where the sewer hookup is. Mr. Schmitz explained where it is, stating that there is already an extension that comes up to the property. It was mentioned that the current homes are not on sewer, they are on septic. But the new home will be required to be on sewer, according to city code. Commissioner Gies asked about the impact of the septic because of the construction of the new lot, to which Mr. Schmitz replied that there was no impact to his knowledge. There was discussion as to who owns certain parcels around/near the property.

Commissioner Gies made a motion to accept the checklist as finding of fact for the preliminary plat, and it was seconded by Commissioner Labee-Holdeman. Motion passed 6-0.

Commissioner Gies made a motion to approve subject to the conditions listed on the staff report and it was seconded by Commissioner Baker. Motion passed 6-0.

3. Conditional Use Permit Application Case # CUP-2022-1

Application submitted by Jeremy Stein and Adam Mora, agents for Wendall D Taylor, owner of property at 15915 Eisenhower Road, for a conditional use permit for Outdoor Sales – General to allow for a small auto dealership on the property identified herein. The property is currently zoned as A-1, so a conditional use permit is required to allow for this use.

Public hearing was opened at 7:05 pm.

Adrian Kempton – owner of property across the street from the auto dealership. She had questions about what this would entail, as she did not want to have a busy auto dealership right across from her property.

Jeremy Stein explained that they are just using a small section of the property on the corner of Eisenhower and McIntyre (Mr. Stein stated McIntyre, but the project is located on the southwest quadrant of Eisenhower and 20th / New Lawrence Drive), with a few used vehicles. He stated that there will be a gate and they are not adding any additional lighting.

Jeff Dutton, nearby property owner, just wanted to clarify exactly where everything on the property would be located, including the garage, driveway, etc. Jeremy Stein was able to explain and answer his questions. Mr. Dutton then clarified the length of the conditional use permit as 5 years. Mr. Schmitz stated that the conditional use permit applies to the whole lot and allows the owner to use it anywhere on the property. It was explained that after 5 years, it would come back to the planning commission for renewal.

The public hearing was closed at 7:10 pm.

Commissioner Suozzo wanted clarification as to how many cars would be there at any given time, to which Mr. Stein replied about twenty cars. Commissioner McDougal then asked how the cars would be unloaded. Mr. Stein explained the location, that they will be unloading them in the gravel area/driveway in front of the building. Commissioner Gies asked why the property was fenced and Mr. Stein stated that the county put it up when they did the reconstruction. And that the plan is to take that portion of the fence down so there is a visual of the building. Commissioner Geis asked about the gravel and if it meets city and state code/commercial zoning. It was explained that the existing gravel that is there would not be expanded.

Commissioner Labee-Holdeman stated that she suggests putting a limit of ten vehicles for the first five years, to see how it goes. Commissioner Gies then asked if the property that was created when the road was relocated become part of the right of way. Mr. Spickelmier then stated that all their access is through an easement, but there may be a small thin section of the property that is owned by the adjacent property to the East, but it's all within the driveway. Mr. Stein explained where the gravel is as well as the concrete drive and clarified exactly where the vehicles will be located.

Commissioner Labee-Holdeman then asked if we have a sign ordinance, as it would pertain to them putting up a sign, and the location and size of the sign. Mr. Schmitz then pulled up the ordinance for everyone to review. Commissioner Baker then asked Mr. Stein why he chose this location and Mr. Stein stated that it is family property and business.

Commissioner Suozzo made a motion to approve with a maximum of ten vehicles for sale on the property and it was seconded by Commissioner McDougal. Motion passed 5-1 with Commissioner Gies voting nay.

4. Preliminary and Final Plat Treeline Subdivision Case # DEV-22-026 & DEV-22-027

Leavenworth County received an application from Joseph Herring, Agent for Sharon K. Colvin, Owner, for a preliminary and final plat for 724 Mt. Calvary Rd. This parcel abuts the city limits for Lansing on the West, North, and East sides, and according to Leavenworth County's regulations requires the Planning Commission to provide a recommendation on what should be required for this property as well as whether the City is accepting of it.

Chairman Kowalewski asked why the property owners didn't want to be annexed. Mr. Schmitz then explained that the current property owner does not wish to be annexed, but the parcel that will be created – that owner is willing to voluntarily annex into the City. It was also pointed out that because this property is surrounded on three sides by the City, the platting of this property would allow the City to annex without the property owners consent in the future, but

that there is little to no appetite to do that at this time at the Council level as far as Mr. Schmitz knows.

Commissioner Gies made a motion to recommend the county proceed, with the condition that the annexation occur before any structure can be built on the newly created parcel. It was seconded by Commissioner Labbee-Holdeman. Motion passed 6-0.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS- None

REPORTS: Commission and Staff Members-

Commissioner Gies inquired about the zoning as well as other information of the mobile home park, and Mr. Schmitz informed him that it is zoned R-5. It was stated that the park has a new owner, and that they are rehabbing it and will follow city code. The attorney of the mobile home park asked for a letter with specific items that they can/cannot do and need to clean up. Mr. Schmitz sent them the letter prior to the new owner purchasing it.

ADJOURNMENT- Commissioner McDougal made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Suozzo. Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:48 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Baker, Secretary

Reviewed by,

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