

Howard County Planning & Zoning

March 15, 2023

A meeting of the Howard County Planning & Zoning Commission was convened in Open and Public session on the 15th day of March 2023.

Chairman Terry Spilinek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. and the Open Meeting Act was recognized. Administrator Klinginsmith read the Notice of Meeting. A proof of publication is filed at the Howard County Clerk's Office. Roll call showed 6 members present: Daryl Anderson, Jack Reimers, Kenneth Kozisek, Ron Kulwicki, Chris Kosmicki and Terry Spilinek. Absent members: Randy Kauk, Jeff Christensen, and Dave Sack. Also present were Cherri Klinginsmith, Planning & Zoning Administrator and Jennifer Ostendorf, Planning and Zoning Secretary. Dave Schroeder, County attorney was absent. Members of the public were: Cassidy Jacobsen, Craig Bader, Tylor Robinson, Chris Martin, Nate Timmons and Tyler Petersen.

The agenda and minutes were mailed to the board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Ken Kozisek and seconded by Jeff Christensen to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous a voice vote.

Administrator Klinginsmith mentioned to the board that Heather Schmidt was going to be withdrawing her Conditional Use Permit for an Event Venue. She will be mailing us a letter stating that she is withdrawing this application and if she decided to continue with Venue she will have to re-apply. Klinginsmith also informed the board that all of the applications from the February meeting have gone to commissioners and have been approved.

8:05 PM Public Hearing on Single-Lot Subdivision Application by Steven Bader – SW ¼ SE ¼

Section 14-14-9 Craig Bader was present to present to the board. He states that they are subdividing 16.87 acres into two (2) lots. One lot will be 3.406 acres and other being 13.467 acres. They plan to sell the 3.406 acres to someone to build a house on. With no testimony in favor or against the public hearing was closed. After discussion from the board Ken Kozisek made a motion to approve the single lot subdivision by Steven Bader located in SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 14-14-9. Motion was seconded by Chris Kosmicki. Motion passes by a 6-0 roll call vote. Finding of Fact attached.

Discussion & Possible Action- Gage Valley Vet Clinic allowed uses - Administrator Klinginsmith discussed with the board the number of cattle that were in and out of the clinic in the month of January. As mentioned at the February meeting Administrator Klinginsmith has asked Eric Blasé for the logs of cattle in and out of the clinic for the month of January. She received these reports the day after the February meeting (February 16, 2023). After reviewing the logs, she told the board that most of the time cattle were only at the clinic for 1-2 days. There were a couple instances where cattle stayed a few days longer but most of the time they were in compliance with what the board had set in place when they opened the clinic and discussed in December 2021. Administrator Klinginsmith reminded the board that the reason she was asking for the numbers for January is because the office had received an anonymous letter with

concerns about the number of cattle there and their wellbeing. Dr Amber, who left the clinic around the first of the year had also called Administrator Klinginsmith to let her know that she was no longer with the clinic and also to let her know that she is still receiving calls about the cattle at the clinic. She let Administrator Klinginsmith know that she is giving the Planning & Zoning Office number to the concerned citizens.

After much discussion among the board they would like to be kept up-to-date on what is going on there since it is approved as a vet clinic but currently have no vet on staff. It was mentioned by Ron Kulwicki that he has heard that they are planning to get another vet but are waiting for them to graduate this spring. The board has asked that Administrator Klinginsmith visit with Eric Blasé and ask for reports of cattle coming in and out of the clinic.

Among the discussion it was also mentioned that the definitions of Veterinarian Hospital and Veterinarian Clinic are very vague and may need to update these definitions when reviewing regulations and comprehensive plan in near future. With the current definitions the board agreed that the Gage Valley Vet Clinic is in compliance and as long as they provide the logs of cattle coming in and out and the cattle aren't staying at the clinic more than 2-3 day there isn't anything the board can do.

With no further discussion Ron Kulwicki moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Reimers seconded the motion. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

The next Howard County Planning & Zoning meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2023 at 8PM.

Jennifer Ostendorf
Planning & Zoning Secretary