

**MINUTES  
PEQUOT LAKES PLANNING COMMISSION/  
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 16, 2020**

PRESENT: Andrew Birch, Laura Larson, Nathan Norton, and Wesley Wilson.  
ABSENT: Mark Hallan, Tom Paulbeck, and Christopher Savino.

CITY PLANNER: Justin Burslie, Sourcewell

ZONING SPECIALIST: Dawn Bittner

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Jennifer Peterson

COUNCIL LIAISON: Cheri Seils

The meeting was called to order by Chair Birch at 6:01 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**APPLICANT: North Fork Boulders & Excavating**  
**Applicant requests an Interim Use Permit for an Extractive Use in the**  
**Agriculture District**

Mr. Burslie explained the Staff Report. Applicant was present.

Chair Birch inquired about the property existing in the extractive use area. Mr. Burslie stated this property is already in the Extractive Use Overlay Zone. Chair Birch asked Mr. Burslie if the Commission can require some or all of the required documents be presented to the Commission before the approval of the permit. Chair Birch was concerned the Commission did not receive a complete application. Mr. Burslie stated that request is not unreasonable.

Commissioner Norton and Commissioner Larson would like to have the Storm Water Prevention and Pollution Plan be submitted to the Zoning Administrator before Commission approval. Commissioner Wilson is concerned about speed and condition of the road, as well as the amount of residential traffic. Commissioner Larson had concerns regarding the hours of operation which are 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM are fairly early in the morning and late in the evening.

Chair Birch and the Commission is in agreement that they will require further documentation before approval of this Interim Use Permit such as Certificate of Survey and the Storm Water Prevention and Pollution Plan.

Mr. Swenson stated, "He can go ahead and get the rest of the information it, I already opened two other pits this year, one in Cass County and one in Maple Township. You are asking a little bit more information than they did. I can definitely get the Certificate of Survey." He also stated that Anderson Brothers also utilizes the road and their hours of operation are 6 AM to 6 PM. Mr. Swenson agreed to a 7:00 AM start time of operations. Mr. Swenson inquired if he is able to start to clear the vegetation from the area. Mr. Burslie and Chair Birch stated there should not be an issue clearing the vegetation from the excavation site.

**PUBLIC COMMENT OPENED:**

Junell Wendt, 5853 Wild Acres Rd, would like the road upgraded and or repaired. She would like operation hours be Monday – Friday with a possible 7:00 AM start. She has concerns about the dust because of her son's allergies.

JP Wesp, Wild Acres Rd, stated he would appreciate the 7:00 AM start to the operations also.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED.**

**A motion was made by Planning Commission Member Wilson, seconded by Planning Commission Member Norton, to table the discussion until the May 21, 2020 meeting.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Birch AYE; Larson AYE; Norton AYE; Wilson AYE. Motion carried. (4-0)

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

**OPEN FORUM:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Crow Wing County, Fire Tower Property – Signage Proposal**

Mr. Burslie explained the Staff Report. Applicant was represented by Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

Mr. Simonson stated Crow Wing County hired Jim Cummings to get a plan together regarding where the signs should be placed and what kind of interpretive signs be placed within the trails and near the tower. Crow Wing County's goal is to get this plan and signage implemented and the park open by the end of May. Crow Wing County is

hoping to acquire sixty-nine (69) more acres through a grant program to add future trails to the current forty (40) acres. A vaulted toilet and picnic shelter will also be installed at the park.

**A motion was made by Planning Commission Member Norton, seconded by Planning Commission Member Wilson, to approve the proposed internal signage and when future improvements are made to the park, no further approval by the Planning Commission is necessary to erect additional internal signage.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Birch AYE; Larson AYE; Norton AYE; Wilson AYE. Motion carried. (4-0)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Planning Commission Member Wilson, seconded by Planning Commission Member Larson, to approve the April 2, 2020 Planning Commission Minutes.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Birch AYE; Larson AYE; Norton AYE; Wilson AYE. Motion carried. (4-0)

**P & Z ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Bittner pointed out the 3 permits issued and the 1 letter sent since the last meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Peterson  
Administrative Assistant