

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – DECEMBER 1, 2022 7:00 PM

Larry Shaffer called the meeting to order at 7:03.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Shaffer, Lou Lundquist, Jenny Irvine, Phil Bontrager, Christine Lundquist, and by zoom Jeff Cuthbertson and Nancy Griswold.

AGENDA: The agenda was adopted on a motion by Christine with support by Jenny.

MINUTES: Prior minutes were approved at the 5:00 pm meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

HAMMERSLEY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST: Chris Hammersley joined the meeting via zoom. A motion was made by Jenny with support by Lou to open the public hearing. Motion carried.

Mr. Hammersley reviewed his plan to put in 4 primitive campsites on his property on Ames Lake Road. Heather, Township Office Administrator, noted adjacent property owners had been notified of the proposed plan and none had contacted the Township. Larry read into the record the report from the Zoning Administrator which noted he had no problems with the proposed plan.

Jeff asked about the “High Swamp Camp” name. Mr. Hammersley reviewed the history of the name. Jeff asked for assurance that the site has been adjusted to just 4 sites. Mr. Hammersley indicated that only 4 fire pits remain as noted in the submitted plan. Nancy asked about garbage and waste water disposal. Mr. Hammersley indicated only garbage cans were planned at this time, but a dumpster will be acquired if it is necessary. He noted that waste water disposal would not be allowed on site, and that he will be present when the campground is in use.

Jeff and Phil noted specifics about campgrounds may be necessary to future zoning discussions.

Motion by Christine with support by Jenny to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Motion by Christine with support by Jenny to approve the conditional use request. Larry noted that those on zoom would not be able to vote under current rules. He called for a roll call vote of members physically present. All members voted in favor of approval. Motion carried.

MASTER PLAN REVIEW: Further review will take place December 6, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jenny with support by Lou to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.