

Adams County Planning & Zoning Meeting
June 18, 2012 7:30 p.m.
Adams County Courthouse

Present

Christy Ward
Jerry Lee
Bill Shore
Steve Ryals
Don Horton
Pam Murphy
Penny Fisk

Absent

Jeff Batten
Brad Dreyer
Micki Eby
Donna Campbell
Rich Laine

Guests

Mike Paradis
Ryan Zollman
Dale Fisk

Chairman Christy Ward called the regular meeting of the Adams County Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 18, 2012 in the courtroom in the Adams County Courthouse. There were not enough commission members present for a quorum and there was no new business for the commission to conduct. C

Commission members held a discussion with Deputy Zollman and County Commissioner Mike Paradis about enforcement of current zoning regulations and conditional permits. The commission members expressed a sense of frustration with the process and a concern that even though rules are imposed on new subdivisions or conditional permit holders there is no recourse if they are not abided by. Don Horton, Officer Zollman, and Commissioner Paradis all expressed their concern as well. Members were told that unless there is solid evidence that the restrictions attached to a conditional use permit are being broken there was not anything anyone could do. Commission members were told that all though a violation may be common knowledge within a certain group of people that is not enough evidence for action by the building inspector or the sheriff's office. Commissioner Paradis cited several examples in which the county had proceeded with legal action only to then lose in court. Don Horton and Officer Zollman assured commission members that if solid proof was presented to them, an investigation would follow and if there was enough evidence it would be sent on to the Adams County Prosecutor. Whether or not charges are filed are ultimately up to the prosecutor's office. Officer Zollman pointed out that the maximum fine is \$1000.00 or 6 months in jail and that the ordinances already reflect that. Both he and Commissioner Paradis suggested that the planning commission might want to review the ordinances for any loopholes.

Since there was not a quorum, minutes from the May 21, 2012 meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Don Horton told commission members that he did not have anything new for them.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm. The next meeting will be on June 16, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the courtroom of the Adams County Courthouse.

Penny Fisk,
P&Z Secretary