

April 4, 2023
Silver Creek Township
Planning and Zoning Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Chwalek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm on April 4, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall with all joining in for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Richard Chwalek

Dan Mielke

Mark Egge

Mike Helman

Sandy Forsman

Ryan Nelson

Brandon Geyen

Absent: Chris Newman & Tom Vanek

14 on Zoom

46 signed in

63 in attendance

Minutes

A motion was made by Mark Egge; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen to approve March 7, 2023 Planning and Zoning meeting minutes. Motion Carried 7-0.

Chair Report

No Chair Report

New Business

Veit & Company – Anderson Pit 13551 Baker Ave NW: Aric Olsen talked about the history they have a CUP to borrow clay from the Anderson field since the late 1990's, created wetlands, there still is about 250,000 cubic yards of clay left from the original volume. Veit uses that when there is a job in the area that needs some borrow material or clay material. The process when they extract the clay, they remove the top soil, extract the clay, regrade it so it can function as a farm field again, and then replace the top soil. They do not have any construction jobs for this year yet. Supervisor Helman made a motion to continue their permit of 984011, PID 216-100-264100 to Veit & Company, second by Supervisor Geyen. Motion carried 7-0.

Up the Creek Bar and Grill – 4246 112th St NW: Jen Doherty and Christina Maas spoke that they are asking for the same thing as last year, to have a Non-Conditional Use Permit to have live music outdoors on Thursday's from 6:00-9:00pm and Sunday's 2:00-5:00pm. During discussion it was brought up by the Board for Up the Creek to look at the Wright County P & Z minutes from 2022, in the minutes the County suggested to deny the Variance for a year and require the business to correct the current issues, then come back in a year and let the County know what they can do differently to get the CUP approved. The Board discussed with Up the Creek different ways that they could change some of the issues on why they were denied.

Comments from audience: A resident commented how the bar is getting too big for their establishment, music brings motorcycles, cars park in front of his house. A resident commented about his kids great grandparents started the bar, how it's been through a lot of changes, when

the current owners bought the bar he believes they cleaned up that corner, they've remodeled, brought in a good menu and clientele. The music they have is just one or two people playing acoustic guitar low key with customers sitting down eating or enjoying a beverage. Family orientated, good food, the bar started putting signs up that said "Please be respectful of our neighbors, no unnecessary acceleration". Since the signs have been up, it has brought the vehicle noise down a lot. Another resident talked about having a contract for the band to sign to keep the decibel level down. A resident talked about they've lived in the country and moved into town because of the bar and the music, they like it here. When they first moved to town there was litter in their yard and it's not that way anymore, it's cleaned up or just doesn't happen anymore people are more respectful. Resident spoke that he thinks most people in town don't mind the bar, that most residents here support the bar. Living close by the bar there's no issue with the music. People sit in their yards and listen to the music and everything is good, most of the people leave sensibly. Resident spoke that they moved out here years ago because of the bar also, they make it a family event on the weekends to enjoy the live music by the lake, kids enjoy the music and dance to it.

Supervisor Helman made a motion to approve outdoor music Thursday 6:00-9:00pm and Sunday 2:00-5:00pm to Up the Creek Bar and Grill; Seconded by Supervisor Geyen. Carried 7-0.

Wright County Code of Ordinance: After much discussion. We will continue to discuss the Mining and Extraction Ordinance on Tuesday April 11, 2023 at the Silver Creek Township Hall.

Old Business: Nothing to report

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

Upcoming Items: Nothing to report

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Supervisor Geyen, Seconded by Supervisor Egge at 7:57pm. Carried 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Silver Creek Township Clerk,
Heidi Eckerman
04-04-2023 Minutes
Approved by Board of Supervisors
06-06-2023










