

## PINE ISLAND COMMUNITY PLANNING TEAM

Meeting Notes: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM, EDA Office

### ATTENDANCE

Name	Organization	Present	Name	Organization	Present
Tammy Berg-Beniak	School Dist 255	x	Rod Steele	City of Pine Island	x
John Champa	School Dist 255	x	Jerry Vettel	City of Pine Island	x
Kim Fall	School Dist 255	x	Madge Alberts	Milton Twp	x
Rob Warneke	School Dist 255	x	Dale Thomforde	New Haven Twp	
Nate Carlson	EDA Director	x	Mark Thein	Oronoco Twp	
Troy Kuball	Pine Island EDA		Richard Miller	Pine Island Twp	x
Rick Keane	Pine Island EDA		Gale Hoven	Roscoe Twp	
Morgan Hansen	Van Horn Library		Todd Omberg	Park Board	x
Kevin McDermott	City of Oronoco		Courtney Schaefer	Chamber of Commerce	x

David Todd, the new Pine Island City Administrator, was also present.

### AGENDA

#### 1. Call to Order – 7:00 p.m.

#### 2. Township Updates

- **Milton Township** – Madge has been asked by FEMA for more documentation for the 2010 flood. It's rather hard to produce at this point. Tammy said the school has been asked too. FEMA is trying to close their files for this flood event.
- **Oronoco Township**- No report.
- **Pine Island Township** – They are looking at a solar project on 32 acres. It would be a 30 year lease - \$600/acre.
- **New Haven Township** – No report.

#### 3. School Updates: - It was one year ago yesterday that ground was broken for the school. This is the fastest time-line Krause-Anderson has ever done.

Plainview-Elgin-Millville have started at CP and would like some guidance from us. Tammy and Rod are going to their next meeting in Elgin and would like someone from one of the townships to go with them. She will let us know the exact date of the meeting..

#### 4. City Updates

- **City of Pine Island** – A crosswalk has been marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street by Better Brew. It's part of the northwest street project. That project is finished except for the top coat which will be done in the spring. They are doing some street patching. The city is going to hold off doing any street projects in 2016. County 27 will be rebuilt from Main Street out of town

as part of a joint powers agreement. David Todd talked with New Haven Township. They prefer not to have a joint road maintenance agreement. They plan to install more permanent gates at the road closing. They will swing open for plowing and emergencies. David said that Dale may not be coming to CPT meetings anymore.

- **Park Board** – The community gardens were a success and will be continued next year. There is a bike park and ramps for skateboards by the cheese factory.
- **Van Horn Library** – Morgan provided a written report. They are looking at several titles for this year's One Town One Title program. Five little free libraries have been placed around town in parks and yards. This was funded by donations. A member of the library board has resigned and they are looking for a replacement.
- **Chamber of Commerce** – Courtney will be stepping down as president and they are looking for a replacement for him. They wrapped up the Pine Island Saturday nights – they felt it was quite successful. June was the biggest month with 175 cars. Rod thanked them for their great work on this. The dates for 2016 are locked in. The Car Club will be taking it over.
- **EDA** – They are looking for a spot for the Veteran's Museum. They would like 4-6 acres that is flat and has Highway 52 visibility. Nate sent out a letter asking for potential donors. The downtown residential project is continuing – they are looking at two possible projects. A florist and gift shop will be opening in the business park by the A and W. A small sports bar chain is looking at buying the A and W but they need a managing partner. It would be a full bar with outside seating.

### 3. Discussion Items

- **Local Government Innovation Award:** Consensus was that we should apply for this award for the CPT. Madge will submit the application. It is due in a couple of days.
- **CPT meeting date:** After discussion about meeting dates, we decided to change our regular meetings to the **THIRD Wednesday of the month**. Thus, our next meeting will be Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Goodhue County Healthy Living Initiative Project:** They have asked Public Works and EDA to promote healthy living. They would like a board. Nate and Wayne King are heading it up right now.
- **Residential Development Project:** John Pierce has talked with Nate about the possibility of a residential development project on 100 acres surrounding the Pre-K – 4 School. They would like to give Pine Island the opportunity to design a healthy living community model for this area. They would like to hold a community focus group in January or February. Tom Fisher, of the University of Minnesota's College of Architecture and Design, is very interested in working with us on this. Nate will ask him if he can attend our Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and educate us on the "healthy communities" concept and how it might apply in this particular setting.

### 4. Next meeting: Nov. 18 at 7 pm at EDA Office. Notetaker: *(none identified)*

*Notes submitted by Madge Alberts*