

City of Columbus
Public Hearing – Lone Oak Acres Preliminary Plat Application (PC-15-109)
(Kenneth DuFresne –applicant)
November 18, 2015

The November 18, 2015 Public Hearing to receive testimony regarding the request for a preliminary plat, “Lone Oak Acres”, reconfiguring two parcels and creating two new lots was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Garth Sternberg at the City Hall. Present were Commission members Pam Wolowski, Jesse Preiner, and Jody Krebs; City Administrator Elizabeth Mursko, Planner Dean Johnson, and Recording Secretary Karen Boland.

Also in attendance were City Council members Denny Peterson, Bill Krebs and Jeff Duraine; Roger and Mary DuFresne, Kenneth and Mary K. DuFresne, Roger Nase, Pat Preiner, and Jon Wycistah.

Sternberg: Now we’re going to have a Public Hearing and discussion on the Lone Oak Acres preliminary plat application, pages 1 through 12 and enclosure. And, at this time, I’d like to ask the recording secretary to read the publication as published.

Notice was read at this time.

Sternberg: Thank you. And, at this time, I’d like to ask the applicants to please come forward and state your name and address for the record.

DuFresne: I’m Ken DuFresne. I live at 13516 West Rondeau Lake Drive in Columbus.

Sternberg: Thank you, sir. Can you please tell us what it is that you’re asking of us this evening?

DuFresne: Well, to quite, quite simply, all we really wanted to do was give a five-acre, or a deed over a five-acre lot, where the house, the original house was—that would be in that corner. The house is now gone. We want to deed that to my son and daughter-in-law, so they can build a house there in the spring. And, um, quite simply, that’s all we really want to do there. On the other side, because of . . . we want to take—there’s three parcels of land on the northeast side, which would be in your Lot 1, Block 2. There’s three parcels of land right now: the one my brother owns, at 13608; the one that we own—Kathy and I own—at 13516; that leaves a piece of land that we own together, that’s kind of a convoluted thing in the middle. It’s a little hard to see up there, but, uh, if you take the—can I go up there?

PC Member: Sure.

Mursko: Do you want the clicker?

DuFresne: I’ll try it with my finger. Roger’s property line, right now, comes down here and over, and this. Mine is here to here, and like this. So, we’re about eight feet off of the 40 line. All

we, what we want to do is move my lot line from here over to the 40 line, which makes sense, and take my west line down to the 40 line, which would increase my coverage a little bit, but it would eliminate that. Then take Roger's, which is real convoluted, and was brought about because our father was concerned about losing control of the ditch, which, we know you can't. We want to move his line over to mine, and simplify what is, right now, a very convoluted property description. That would also eliminate one property identification number for the County, and just simplify everything. And it would . . . Because this is a part of the 40, this th- this ten acres, right here, our grandfather sold back in either the '20s or the '30s to the hunt club, uh, Crossways Hunt Club, so we don't own this. But I hope that helps describe what we're trying to do. It's, it's really quite simple. Trying to make things easier.

Sternberg: Yeah.

DuFresne: And then you, you know, get the kids the five acres so they can build.

Sternberg: Any questions?

Preiner: Nope.

DuFresne: Other than that, nothing's changing. We're still, we're going to continue to farm.

Sternberg: It seems like it makes sense.

Krebs: So then, from the quarter line all the way, um, west, that's one lot? Which is, it's stating outlot A, is that correct? At this time? From the piece that you want to take the five acres from?

DuFresne: Yeah. We want to take it off of that 40.

Krebs: Okay.

DuFresne: And the rest of the 40 is going to continue to be farmed. In fact, it'll actually be farmed up to the tree line. We'll actually be farming a portion of the kids' lot.

Krebs: Mr. Chair, can we just make a point of order that the application does say Forest Lake, Minnesota? Just make that correction that it is the City of Columbus, Minnesota, Anoka County?

Sternberg: Yes.

Krebs: Thank you.

Sternberg: Any further questions for the applicant? If not, at this time I'd like to, uh, open the meeting to the public. Is there anybody here from the public that would like to speak on the matter?

Audience member: Speak on what?

Sternberg: Any . . .

Mursko: This is the Lone Oak Acres plat.

Audience member: No.

Sternberg: Okay. At this time I'm going to close the meeting with the right to reopen if it becomes necessary.

Mursko: Public hearing.

Sternberg: Public hearing. Public hearing, if it becomes necessary.

Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Karen Boland, Recording Secretary