

SPECIAL MEETING "VINEYARD ESTATES"
MAY 1, 2025

The Long Lake Town Board and Oak Lawn Town Board met at the Long Lake Townhall at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the application for a development named "Vineyard Estates". Present were: Long Lake Chair David Johnson, Supervisor Mark Olson, Treasurer Virginia Smart, Deputy Clerk Lisa Olson, Clerk Patsy Olson, Oak Lawn representatives Steve Stroschein, Shirley Mellgren, Glow Bechard, Keith Bechard, Al Mellgren, Lonnie Murray, Crow Wing County Planning and Zoning Chris Pence and Developer Chad Piepho.

Johnson called the meeting to order and stated the reason for the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was given.

Concerns addressed:

The number of driveway accesses unto Butternut Road

Shared driveways. Piepho stated that lots 1 and 2 would share a driveway

The cost of asphalt was determined to be too expensive and taken off the table.

The road breaks up in the spring at about the third lot and again in the low area by lots 8, 9 and 10.

A bore sample of the road was taken by Oak Lawn Township. They will send the results to Johnson to forward to Engineer Bryan Drown, Bolten and Menk.

The ditch on the south side of road does not have the proper slope and needs to be reshaped. Piepho stated that could probably be done by them.

Pence stated that if more than two (2) driveways used the same entrance it would be a road and maintenance would have to be arranged. When asked about access from Highway 25, Piepho stated that it was not feasible.

Although the development is in Long Lake Township, Oak Lawn Township maintains Butternut Road. That town board would like to have less access driveways on Butternut Road.

The final plat goes before the Crow Wing County Planning Commission on May 15th. A written statement would have to be sent.

Motion by Mark Olson to send a letter to CWC Planning Commission that the townships work with the developer to make changes in the number of access points unto Butternut Road and that the final development is not approved until a written agreement is made. The motion was seconded by Johnson and carried.

Approved: _____

Chair

Attest: _____

Clerk

