

REPORT TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION

Plan Commission Meeting Date: August 9, 2023

Common Council Meeting Date: September 6, 2023

Item: Preliminary Plat – Fourth Addition to Clearwater Creek

Case Manager: Jessica Titel, Principal Planner

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicant: Jeff Schultz – Martenson & Eisele, Inc.

Owner: Clearwater Creek, LLC

Address/Parcel #: E. Sweetwater Way (Tax Id #31-6-6201-00 & part of #31-6-6200-00). The subject property is located south of E. Spartan Drive and east of N. Haymeadow Drive.

Petitioner's Request: The owner/applicant is proposing to subdivide property for single-family residential development.

BACKGROUND

The subject properties were annexed to the City of Appleton through the Paltzer/Jacobs Annexation on May 10, 2004, and the subject parcels officially came into the City with AG Agricultural District zoning classification.

In 2005, Clearwater Creek was approved and consisted of 63 lots and 1 outlot.

In 2006, Replat of Lots 3-8, 20-24, 27-32, 36-41 and 44-48 of Clearwater Creek was approved and consisted of 23 lots.

In 2007, the First Addition to Clearwater Creek was approved and consisted of 56 lots and 2 outlots.

In 2014, the Second Addition to Clearwater Creek was approved and consisted of 6 lots.

In 2020, the Third Addition to Clearwater Creek was approved and consisted of 26 lots and 1 outlot.

The applicant has also filed an application to rezone the subject property from AG Agricultural District to R-1B Single-family Residential District. The Preliminary Plat will be presented at the September 6, 2023 Common Council meeting so the proposed lots are in compliance with the Zoning Code.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Existing/Proposed Conditions: The subject area to be subdivided is currently undeveloped. The Fourth Addition to Clearwater Creek consists of 7.164 acres and will be divided into 14 single-family lots and 2 outlots.

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Zoning Ordinance Review Criteria: R-1B Single-Family District lot development standards (Section 23-93) are as follows:

- Minimum lot area: Six thousand (6,000) square feet.
 - The proposed average lot size is 15,290 square feet. All lots exceed the minimum lot area requirement.
- Minimum lot width: Fifty (50) feet.
 - All lots exceed this minimum requirement.
- Minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks: Twenty (20) foot front yard, Six (6) foot side yard, and Twenty-five (25) foot rear yard.
 - Required front yard setback has been shown on the Preliminary Plat. Required setbacks will be reviewed through the building permit review process.
- Maximum building height: Thirty-five (35) feet.
 - o This will be reviewed through the building permit review process.
- Maximum lot coverage. Fifty percent (50%).
 - o This will be reviewed through the building permit review process.

Compliance with the Appleton Subdivision Regulations: This subdivision complies with the Appleton Subdivision Regulations.

Access and Traffic: The primary vehicular access to the Fourth Addition to Clearwater Creek is via East Sweetwater Way. The proposed public right-of-way within the subdivision will be dedicated to the City with the Final Plat.

Surrounding Zoning and Land Uses:

North: R-1B Single Family Residential and Town of Grand Chute. The adjacent land uses to the north are currently residential (Third Addition to Clearwater Creek) and agricultural.

South: P-I Public Institutional. The adjacent land use to the south is currently a City-owned stormwater management facility.

East: P-I Public Institutional. The adjacent land use to the east is currently a City-owned stormwater management facility.

West: R-1B Single Family Residential and P-I Public Institutional. The adjacent land uses to the west are currently residential (Third Addition to Clearwater Creek) and a City-owned stormwater management facility.

Appleton Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030: Community Development staff has reviewed this proposed subdivision and determined it is compatible with the One and Two-Family Residential use shown on the City's 2010-2030 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map. Listed below are related excerpts from the City's *Comprehensive Plan 2010-2030*.

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Goal 1 – Community Growth

Appleton will continue to provide opportunities for residential, commercial, and industrial growth, including appropriate redevelopment sites within the downtown and existing neighborhoods, and greenfield development sites at the City's edge.

Goal 3 – Housing Quality, Variety, and Affordability

Appleton will provide a variety of rental and ownership housing choices in a range of prices affordable to community residents, and ensure that existing housing is adequately maintained in terms of physical quality and market viability.

OBJECTIVE 10.1 Land Use:

Provide an adequate supply of suitable land meeting the demand for development of various land uses.

OBJECTIVE 10.4 Land Use:

Plan for compact, efficient, and fiscally responsible growth of residential, commercial, and industrial development in new neighborhoods in order to implement the principles of smart growth.

Policy 10.4.1 Continue to guide residential growth to locations either contiguous to or within presently urbanized areas. As peripheral development occurs, it should be at a compact, urban density to ensure new neighborhoods can be efficiently served by public infrastructure.

Parks and Open Space: The Appleton Subdivision Regulations do require parkland dedication or fee in lieu for residential subdivisions. Since no parkland will be dedicated on the subject property, park fees will be required pursuant to Section 17-29 of the Municipal Code and the final Development Agreement (once approved).

Technical Review Group Report (TRG): This item appeared on the July 18, 2023 TRG Agenda. No negative comments were received. The following comments were provided by the Fire Department.

- The drive from Spartan to Richmond would count as a secondary access for the fourth phase of Clearwater Creek. This drive would need to be maintained as such. For the fifth phase of Clearwater Creek, this access will not be acceptable as a secondary access.
- The fire apparatus turnaround at the northern limits of East Sweetwater Way is acceptable as long as it is designed to meet the standards defined is Appendix D from the 2018 IFC. The applicant has been provided with the design standards and has incorporated them the design as shown on the preliminary plat.

RECOMMENDATION

The Preliminary Plat for the Fourth Addition to Clearwater Creek, **BE APPROVED** subject to the following conditions and as shown on the attached maps:

- 1. Park fees shall be paid to the City of Appleton Finance Department pursuant to Section 17-29 of the Municipal Code and the final Development Agreement (once approved).
- 2. Property shall be rezoned from AG Agricultural District to R-1B Single-family Residential District (see Rezoning #5-23) for the proposed lots to comply with the Zoning Code.

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- 3. Show the extents of the Protective Area per the stormwater management requirement and verify that Lots 160 -162 are buildable.
- 4. Add the necessary drainage easements per the stormwater management review comments.
- 5. Show the Normal Water Level and 100-yr Water Level of the stormwater pond.
- 6. Show the overland flow paths.
- 7. List the intended purpose/uses for Outlots 1 and 2 on the Final Plat.
- 8. Hydrant benchmarks should specify the benchmark location on the hydrant, for Waterous type hydrants the "City" location is the "Top shoulder" of the hydrant.
- 9. The "Fire Apparatus Access Road" shown across a portion of Outlot 1 should have an easement area specified on the Final Plat. One option could be a Temporary Turn Around Easement, with verbiage similar to: Temporary Turn Around Easement, shall be released automatically upon the dedication, construction, acceptance, and Northeasterly extension of Sweetwater Way.
- 10. A Development Agreement is required between the City and applicant that identifies the duties and responsibilities with respect to development of the subject land.
- 11. A Stormwater Permit Application, Stormwater Management Plan and Engineering Plans have been submitted for review. Technical review comments have been provided to the consultant and all such comments must be addressed on the Final Plat.
- 12. All requirements from the City of Appleton Department of Public Works, Engineering Division shall be met to the satisfaction of the City Engineer prior to the City affixing signatures on the Final Plat.
- 13. The owner/applicant shall submit to the City the Final Plat within 36 months after the last required approval of the Preliminary Plat. If the Final Plat is not submitted within said 36 months, the City (and any other approving authority) may refuse to approve the Final Plat and shall recommence the procedure for Preliminary Plat approval or may extend the time for submission of the Final Plat.

NOTE: If approved, the Preliminary Plat for the Fourth Addition to Clearwater Creek and Rezoning #5-23 from AG Agricultural District to R-1B Single-family District will be reported out at the same Common Council meeting on September 6, 2023.





