



**TOWN OF MILLIKEN
PLANNING COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairman Woodcock and Members of the Planning Commission		Meeting Date:	
From: Seth Hyberger, Community Engagement Specialist/Planner		April 15, 2015	
Agenda Item	Action:	Discussion: #2 X	Information:
Agenda Title: Proposed Shooting Range for Milliken			
Attachments: Project Location Map			

PURPOSE

This is the second discussion to determine if the Town would be interested in coordinating with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and Brett Hall with Hall Irwin to develop a shooting range. Hall Irwin would donate the land for the proposed shooting range and the Colorado Division of Wildlife will provide funding to develop the site. The Colorado Division of Wildlife wants to determine if the Town would be willing to support the proposed shooting range project.

DISCUSSION

A meeting previously occurred with Brett Hall with Hall Irwin, several Colorado Division of Wildlife officials, and the Town of Milliken's Community Engagement Specialist/Planner Seth Hyberger on December 16, 2014. A site located south of CR 44 and west of CR 23 has been selected as a possible location. The site consists of hilly terrain with a series of draws and is located in Town limits. The site has rather unique features in terms of topography and is isolated. The site is located over 1.2 miles south of the Centennial Farms Subdivision and 1.3 miles southeast of the Bobcat Subdivision.

The shooting range was last discussed at Planning Commission meeting on January 7, 2015. The Planning Commission indicated that they needed more information concerning the site before they can comment on the location. Jeff Behncke is the main point of contact for the Colorado Division of Wildlife and he provided feedback regarding the Planning Commissions' questions.

1. Will the shooting range be open to the public? *Yes the shooting range will be open to the public and there will be a charge for the range fee.*
2. How much will the shooting cost and who will be picking up the tab? *The Colorado Parks and Wildlife will acquire the land and has \$500,000 available in grants to develop the site.*
3. What will be the hours of operation? *The hours of operation are up for discussion with the Town. The site most likely will be open from spring till fall during day light hours.*
4. Who will manage the shooting range once it is built? *The Colorado Parks and Wildlife would hire a concessionaire to manage the site. That is where the fee will come into play.*
5. Will utilities be required for the site and who will pay for those connections? *Utilities would not be required throughout the actual range. Some will be required for the concessionaire.*
6. Will an environmental assessment be required for the site? *Yes, I could see the need for an environmental assessment.*

There are two planning/zoning issues associated with the site. The first issue is that the land is zoned for Planned Unit Development (PUD). The Board of Trustees will have to make a decision as to whether a shooting range is considered a permitted use within Milliken. The Town Board would therefore have to approved the shooting range designation prior to the gun range being built.

Sec. 16-3-460 (b) (1). PUD Planned Unit Development District.

(b) Permitted Uses.

(1) Any combination of uses may be permitted in a PUD District so long as the Board of Trustees determines that such uses are compatible with one another and with any property that could reasonably be impacted by the development of any proposed PUD. Compatibility shall be determined based on the extent to which any proposed use of land within the PUD would unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of any other use of land within the PUD. Factors which may be considered include the type and intensity of uses, the extent to which uses complement one another, the bulk of structures associated with use, and the noise, light, traffic, vibrations and other similar external impacts associated with each use.

The second issue with the site is Section 10-9-90 - Discharge of Weapons of the Town Code which restricts the fire or discharge of a weapon within Town Limits. Permission to discharge a firearm or weapon for public health or safety may be granted in writing by the Chief of Police. The operator of the shooting range would have to file a petition annually with Milliken's Chief of Police in order to have authorization to use firearms.

Sec. 10-9-90. Discharge of weapons.

(a) It is unlawful for any person, except a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her duties, to fire or discharge within the Town a revolver or pistol of any description, shotgun or rifle which may be used for the explosion of cartridges or shells, or any air gun, gas-operated gun, spring gun, sling shot or bow and arrow.

(b) Permission to discharge a firearm or weapon for public health or safety purposes may be granted in writing by the Chief of Police. Such permission shall be granted annually at the request of the petitioner and shall limit the time and place of such firing and specifically set forth the purpose and limitations for which such permission to discharge a firearm or weapon has been granted. When the firing of a firearm or weapon is within the authorized limits, it shall not be deemed a violation hereof. Permission may be revoked at any time in the discretion of the Chief of Police. (Ord. 261 §5-11-101, 1989; Ord. 481 §1, 2003; Ord. 541 §1, 2006)



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