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**CROW WING COUNTY**

BRAINERD, MINNESOTA 56401

**ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION**

APPLICANT NAME: Crow Wing County Public Land Management

PROPERTY LOCATION: Parcel Code: 930234200000009, 930234200000009, 930233105Z00009

APPLICANT REQUEST: Construction of boardwalk, two canoe launching/fishing platforms, informational kiosks and a small shelter.

ISSUE: Location of the buildings is planned within the 150 foot setback of Milford Lake, a Natural Environment Lake according to the County Land Use Ordinance.

FACTS: Milford Mine Park is located in Sections 23 & 26 T47N R29W Wolford Township. Milford Lake, which is classified as a Natural Environment Lake, is located within the park. The Crow Wing County Board of Commissioners approved the park master plan on December 11, 2007. An administrative decision (attached) was approved by the Environmental Services Division of the Land Service Department on March 29, 2012 to allow for the construction of drives, parking areas, picnic shelters, restrooms and canoe launching areas. The intent now is to construct a boardwalk, two canoe launching/fishing platforms and a small shelter.

ANALYSIS: The approved master plan identified several areas for improvements in the park consisting of drives, parking areas, picnic shelters, restrooms, canoe launching areas and informational kiosks, a boardwalk and a small shelter. The approved park improvements and amenities serve the public as a recreational and environmental use including education and viewing opportunities. The planned improvements were strategically located to take advantage of topographic considerations which minimize construction activities and maintain the environmental integrity of the area. The site limitations place many of the planned improvements in locations that are less than the required structure setback of 150 feet for a Natural Environment lake.

The locations for the improvements are attached as part of this decision and have been located in the only feasible place for building based on the location of the OHW of Milford Lake, surrounding wetland areas and topographic constraints. The construction and siting of the structures will not require disturbance of the natural buffer area around the lake and will cause not adverse environmental impact to Milford Lake.

DECISION: Based on the facts listed above, the Land Services Department is waiving the need for a variance and land use permit for the planned improvements as illustrated on the attached exhibits.

This administrative decision is limited to the facts of this particular property.

CHRIS PENCE *Chris Pence* 4/1/2015  
Print Name / Signature of Zoning Administrator or Designee Date