

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 12, 2021

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 9:30 A.M. in the small conference room in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Bill McBain, Mark Schmitt, James Meyer and Abbigail Knoll. Staff present: John Fitzl, Yvonne Johnson, Mary Berg, Nick Stadnyk and Colleen Schott.

McBain/Schmitt motion to approve the committee minutes from the December 8th meeting. Motion carried.

No public comment

Payment Approval Reports: McBain/Schmitt motion to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: 2 lot map in the Town of Rusk for Tom Smith. Motion by Schmitt/Meyer to approve. Motion carried.

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported he is waiting for updates from the tax lister. Both have been working on splits throughout the year. Rebecca has been submitting splits rather than submitting at end of year and has been working well. Working on grant application. Addresses have slowed down had 6 for the month of December.

Register of Deeds Report: Mary Berg is the new Register of Deeds. Berg introduced herself and stated she is still in the learning process. Her deputy is Crystal Mogensen.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen not present. Johnson read report. There were 10 plat books sold last month and a total of 110 in 2020. Working on listing 49 parcels for in-rem by the end of the month, down from 56 last year.

Zoning Report: Johnson reported there are 267 LUP in 2020, up 42 from 2019. Also, there were 115 SAN permits in 2020, down 8 from 2019. There are 267 camper permits issued in 2020. Paid the 2020 WI FUND, there were 2. There a 3 for this year and are due by the end of January. Working on the Annual Report for the February meeting. Will be sending out camper renewal notices. Also, preparing for the POWTS audit. Have 10 Land use permits so far 2021. Taking part in the Leadership YOUiversity which is a year long program 2 hours a month. Lastly, will be participating in a meeting for people interested in short term rentals hosted by Andy Albarado with zoning and public heath presenting.

Land Conservation Report: Stadnyk stated the office is selling trees and doing the speaking contest. There are 12 entries for the speaking contest.

Discussion on adding commercial storage buildings as a conditional use in Shoreland Zoning and also dog kennels as a conditional use in Commercial Zoning. Language change can take a couple months.

Fitzl stated his department was approved for around \$132,000 for a grant with the committee's approval to apply for grant. Motion by Schmitt/Meyer to approve. Motion carried.

Fitzl also requesting for a grant funded GIS Administrative Coordinator position. This position will be funded for a part time position and maybe a full-time position with funds from SWRM and DOA. Needs to go to personnel and county board.

The next regular meeting will be February 9, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 10:49 A.M

Colleen Schott
Zoning Technician