

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 15, 2022

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 11:01 A.M. in the First Floor Conference Room in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Phil Schneider, James Meyer and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: Yvonne Johnson, Colleen Schott, Mary Berg and John Fitzl.

Schmitt/Schneider motion to approve the committee minutes from the February 8 meeting and public hearing. Motion carried.

No public comment.

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

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported they are getting data ready for the DOR, will have submitted by March 31. There were 12 fire numbers applied for last month. Continue to find addressing errors. Working with Sheriff's department on errors. Conference went well. Deputies attended as well. Deputies Olynick and Tuma are interested in learning more regarding 911. Meyer asked about pins on google, and why the numbers are wrong. Fitzl explained the companies and data issues. Hoping to have Brittney and Sheriff's deputy go to training and help answer questions and issues with the 911 system. Fitzl informed committee he has been subpoenaed to court over a line dispute. Schmitt asked if county requires a driveway to get a fire number. No, just needs to be marked.

Register of Deeds Report: Berg reported recordings down and vital records are up by 14. Had 2 more Veterans sign up for the Honors program. Completed a Fidlar update. Berg handed out a resolution proposal to the committee. Berg explained the transfer fee breakdown and how raising the fee could increase money for the county. Fitzl questioned if this will affect the grant money his department receives. He explained the process to the committee. Berg is not sure how it will affect the funds but she will look into it. Committee decided to wait to move forward with the resolution until more information was obtained. Fitzl will contact the DOA. Deferred to next committee meeting.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 11:30 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a home-based business in the Town of Thornapple for Alan & Erica Golat. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 11:39 A.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schneider/Schmitt to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen not present. No report.

Zoning Report: Johnson reported LUP are at 56 and in 2021 they were at 33. Sanitary permits for 2022 are 7, compared to 14 in 2021. Sent out 92 late camper notices on March 2nd. There are 8 properties with multiple campers to be sent reminders. To date 51 have sent in or responded. 237 renewals have been received. Have sent enforcement letters for unpermitted campers. There

will be an audit for POWTS scheduled for April 5 at 1:00 P.M. WCCA conference is March 16-18 in Weston.

Land Conservation and Development: Stadnyk not present. No report.

CSM review: 1 lot map in the Town of Willard for Ken Kochevar. Meets minimum requirements. Motion by Schneider/Meyer to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: Addendum to agenda: 2 lot map in the Town of Stubbs for James Heaser. Lots meet minimum standards. Will be sharing a driveway. Meets length by width requirements. Motion by Meyer/Schmitt to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion and possible action:

Fitzl discussed new Lidar maps from FEMA. Ayres is doing enhancement creating DEM culvert inventory. Spoke with Highway department regarding the culverts and didn't receive a response. Funds are available. Fitzl stated Nick spoke with Ayres, they are not charging for requests. Not ready to sign yet. Needs to go to County Board. Fitzl has not seen the new proposal. If the Highway department will submit information, should be easier to get accomplished.

Berg asked committee for permission to bring contract for Fidler to scan index books to the County Board. Books are old and hard to open. Schmitt/Meyer to approve to go to County Board. Motion Carried.

Johnson discussed looking into a new fee schedule for camping fees. Look into having a higher amount for first time permit fee or look at adding a fee if not received on time. Trying to encourage to pay on time. Needs further discussion.

Johnson informed committee of an incinerator request in the Ag district. There will not be a permit required since it is Ag use.

Johnson discussed Jason Rafko campground expansion. Rafko is looking into expanding the campground onto the adjoining parcel he owns. Johnson recommends combining the parcels into one lot. Needs more research. A request will come before the committee for the expansion.

Out of County Travel: Fitzl requesting approval from committee to allow Ricky to attend training in Florida. Sheriff's department is paying for two people to attend. One deputy and Ricky will be attending. Meyer/Schmitt approve travel. Request a report by Ricky after return. Motion Carried.

The next regular meeting will be April 12, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 12:30 P.M.

Colleen Schott
Rusk County Zoning