

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 12, 2022

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 11:01 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Bill McBain, Phil Schneider, Mark Schmitt and James Meyer. Staff present: Yvonne Johnson, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, Mary Berg, Colleen Schott and John Fitzl.

Schmitt/McBain motion to approve the committee minutes from the March 15th meeting. Motion carried.

Public comment: McBain bid his farewell, stated he will miss everyone and thanked all for the time he spent on the Zoning committee.

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

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported Brittany did 11 addresses in March. Parcel splits are complete and submitted to DOA for grant purposes. Office has not heard back from DOA as of yet. Working with dispatch regarding the Spillman program. Meeting with Chippewa County today to help figure out system errors. McBain asked about monuments in blacktop roads. Fitzl explained how they are dealt with. Meyer asked if how the issue regarding the Town of Atlanta removing markers is going. Fitzl hasn't heard anything back from the Town after submitting them a bill. Corporate Counsel has a conflict of interest. He is also the attorney for the Town of Atlanta.

Register of Deeds Report: Berg stated recordings up by 101 documents and vital records were up by 66. There are 6 new Veterans added to the Veterans Honor Rewards program. Only have 60 CSMs left for back indexing. Fidlar is almost done scanning books. Have two out of county travel requests for approval. Will be going to the Fidlar Symposium in Rock Island, IL and the ROD Association convention. Approval for travel motion by Schneider/Schmitt. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen reported that they sold 4 plat books in February and 12 were sold in March. In-Rem end date is May 6th. There are 17 properties going on tax deed. Governor Evers passed a bill that now all profit from In-Rem sales by County revert back to owner. Not sure of recouping money for time lost during the process.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 11:20 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a clay borrow pit in the Town of Strickland for Mark & Sharon Czekalski. Petitioner: Timberline Trail Recycling. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 11:41 A.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schmitt/McBain to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 12:09 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow an expansion of the non-metallic mine in the Town of Stubbs for Haas Sons, Inc. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 12:13 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Meyer/Schneider to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 12:15 P.M. for a 10-minute break. Back in session at 12:28 P.M.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 12:28 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a campground expansion in the Town of Dewey for Jason Rafko. Chairman Willingham adjourned the public hearing at 1:41 P.M. for an onsite visit scheduled at the June committee meeting. The public hearing will reconvene at the June 14th meeting with the public welcome to attend.

Zoning Report: Johnson reported Stadnyk had a graph to show the committee to get a visual of the increase of permits in the past years to the present. Stadnyk explained the graph to the committee. Johnson stated the LUP are at 79 and were at 64 in 2021. Sanitary permits are at 12 compared to 18 in 2021. To date there are 263 camper renewals and new permits. Enforcement: A citation was issued for not reporting holding tank pumping. Storage building without permit. Two letters sent out for campers without permits Three letters sent to property owners who are doing short term rentals without permits. Also did a soil onsite and will need to do onsite with soil tester. Attended the WCCA conference – it was a good conference.

Land Conservation: Stadnyk stated he didn't have anything to report. However, he wanted to state he does not approve of the Rafko campground expansion until the previous conditions are completed.

Discussion and possible action: Fitzl would like approval for RFP to be sent out for the remonumentation of the Town of Lawrence. Motion by Schneider/Schmitt to approve. Motion carried.

Stadnyk would like approval for a summer intern to help Land Information with addressing and get road right of ways established.

Berg stated she has the resolution regarding the Real Estate Transfer Fee Revenue Sharing Formula for the committee to move forward to the County Board. She informed them it does not affect the money Land Records receives for grant funds.

The next regular meeting will be May 10, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 2:23 P.M.

Colleen Schott
Rusk County Zoning