

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 14, 2020

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 9:30 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Bill McBain, Mark Schmitt, Phil Schneider and James Meyer. Staff present: John Fitzl, Yvonne Johnson, Nick Stadnyk, Colleen Schott and Judy Srp.

Schmitt/Meyer motion to approve the committee minutes from the May 12th meeting. Motion carried.

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

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported there were 6 fire numbers to issue. The RFP for the Town of Dewey is in. The aerial fly over is complete and hope to have them by fall. Applications for summer help are in and hope to have help by next week.

Register of Deeds Report: May was a better month for recording and vitals are picking up. Staff is still meeting clients outside. Fidar representatives are coming next Tuesday to check in on the system. Brenda Lane will be furloughed next week. Not very busy. Governor declared this week as Register of Deeds week.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen not present. Yvonne Johnson read report. Treasurer's office sold 5 plat books last month. There are 6 parcels in IN Rem to be sold as soon as date is set.

Zoning Report: Johnson reported permits are about the same as last year. LUP for 2020 are at 77 and 83 in 2019. There are 241 camper permits in, waiting for one more. Complaints coming in steady. Have a Board of Adjustment meeting on the 23rd regarding a house not meeting road and water setbacks. Have two more possible variances. Department is receiving a lot of phone calls.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 9:45 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to rezone from Commercial to Ag-1 in the Town of Grant for Monte and Carrie Abbiehl. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 9:52 P.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. To be sent to County Board June 23rd. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Kramer stated the neighbors with the food boathouse are getting harassed and wanted to let the committee know the owners of the boathouse are doing a great job.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 10:03 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to have an accessory structure without a residence in the Town of Hubbard for John and Jeneil Cunningham. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 10:05 A.M. to reopen

the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schneider/Meyer to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

LCDD Report: Stadnyk reported he has finished the 2021 grant application for funding in 2021. There are 2 barnyards set for 2021. Looking for an intern to help in both Land Conservation and Land Information departments. Business as usual.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 10:20 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Big Bend for Pear Properties LLC. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 10:27 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 10:40 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a campground expansion in the Town of Washington for Casey Mincoff. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 10:51 A.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schneider/McBain to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 11:02 A.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Rusk for Storlid Living Trust. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 11:27 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.

Shoreland review – Johnson stated boathouses are becoming a problem in Rusk County. Zoning needs to consider increasing fees. Enforcement is on the back burner no staff available to do enforcement. Schmitt recommending a part time enforcement officer.

The next regular meeting will be July 14, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 11:41 A.M.

Colleen Schott
Zoning Technician