

## LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 12, 2022

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 3:00 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Shane Sanderson, Jonathan Unterschuetz, Terry Wedwick, and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: Yvonne Johnson, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, John Fitzl, and Colleen Schott.

Public comment: Bob Devoe asked if he could speak during the Acuna issue on the agenda. He was informed it wasn't a Public Hearing and could not speak during that time. He asked why he couldn't get information on the county's GIS website. Nielson explained it could be the browser he is using and to call if having issues. Says the county approves too many campground permits. Also, cannot find a copy of the comprehensive plan. Johnson explained this is not a zoning issue. Pam Gunderson spoke, she is against the Acuna campground. Acuna explained the history of her permit and her intentions regarding the campground. She is asking for an extension of the permit.

Unterschuetz/Sanderson motion to approve the committee and public hearing minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> meetings. Motion carried.

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

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported 19 new address applications in June. Half of the addresses are on Whiting Ln. Working on the annual annexation report.

Register of Deeds Report: Berg not present. Johnson read report. Recordings increased by 42 in June (396 total documents) Vital records increased by 46 in June (242 total vital records issued).

Treasurer Report: Nielsen reported 9 plat books were sold last month. There are 6 properties in In-Rem. No court dates set yet. Looking into pricing for new plat books.

Zoning Report: Johnson stated the Land Use Permits to date are at 235 compared to 210 last year. In 2019 there were a total of 225 land use permits. In 2020 there were a total of 267. Sanitary permits are currently at 50 in comparison to 63 in 2021. A total of 302 camper permits have been issued compared to a total of 290 in 2021. Two follow up letters regarding salvage yards. Gave them until September 1<sup>st</sup> to come into compliance. There are 10 new dwellings for the month of June.

Land Conservation Report: Stadnyk stated he found funding for the GPS unit. Intern has been mapping stream violation and gravel pit using the drome. The shoreland program is a huge success, 18 people have responded to date. Rip rap is not covered. There may be 3 more people interested. Sent out 900 cards. Can fund maybe 10 projects. Program is good publicity for the county. They are in the middle of other projects as well.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:30 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Willard for Jeremy & Heidi Kenealy. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:37 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Sanderson/Schmitt to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Stadnyk stated there is a service program for the GPS he can purchase. The program can be available thru satellite and has no dead spots. An annual fee of \$1540.00. Looking for grant cover the cost. Stadnyk explained the difference in costs vs use of program.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:51 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Washington for Dustin Nitek. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:54 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Sanderson/Unterschuetz to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Condition also to include upgrade of system to accommodate up to 8 people. Motion carried.

Stadnyk proceeded to explain the GPS upgrade. Schmitt/Sanderson made a motion to approve the purchase of cataly 60 service and 6 months of cataly 10 service for hand-held GPS units. Motion carried.

Fitzl, Willingham, and Schmitt opened RFP's for the North portion of the Town of Thornapple. There are 61 corners in the RFP. Bids from Rusk Surveying, Hiess-Loken & Associates, and Maines and Associates. Motion by Wedwick/Schmitt to go with Hiess-Loken & Associates contingent on Fitzl and Summerfield review and approval.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:10 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Big Bend for Berry & Tessa Dahm. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:15 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Sanderson/Unterschuetz to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Johnson presented the committee with Ronda Acuna map and explained the permitting requirements and expiration process. Johnson has discussed with the situation with Summerfield and both conclude Acuna will need to reapply and start over. Johnson recommends the committee require a new permit and public hearing. Motion by Schmitt/Willingham to require new permit. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:30 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Big Bend for Alex & Vicki Christianson. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:39 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Schmitt/Sanderson to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be August 8, 2022 at 3:30 P.M.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 4:46 P.M.

Colleen Schott, Zoning Technician