

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 13, 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, Phil Schneider and James Meyer. Mark Schmitt present via phone. Staff present: John Fitzl, Yvonne Johnson, Colleen Schott, Verna Nielsen, Nick Stadnyk, and Judy Srp.

McBain/Meyer motion to approve the committee minutes from the September 8th meeting
Motion carried.

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

Land Information Report: Fitzl reported there were 14 addresses this month. Parcel updates continue. The Department of Administration gave the Land Information department a \$50,000 grant. Still waiting on the aerial photos. Lots of survey information coming in. Brittany is working out really well.

Register of Deeds Report: Srp reported there are lots of properties selling at this time. Working on back stuff.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen reported that they sold 6 plat books in September. There are 12 properties being sold, 3 of those are without bids. There were 180 tax deeds sent to the abstract office at the beginning of the year.

Zoning Report: Johnson reported permits are about the same as last year. LUP for 2020 are up 14 from 2019. There are 264 camper permits issued 5 more than last month. Complaints coming in steady. Enforcement on a guy filling in shoreland. We are working the DNR to solve it. Also found more campers in the Town of Willard. There are issues with Tracy's campground encroaching on lot lines. Will follow up with a letter. Board of Adjustment meetings are coming up, the Ladysmith News omitted the ad had to reschedule.

Land Conservation: Stadnyk stated DATCAP did not fund the third position for the department. Applying for a grant from the nutrient management program for farmers. A work station will be set up for farmers to come into the office to work. Stadnyk stated he did take and pass the crop advisor test which he now will have more services to offer local farmers.

CSM review: A two lot map in the Town of Washington for Kirby Colbenson. Motion by Schneider/McBain to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: A two lot map in the Town of Rusk for Dylan Holes. Motion by Schneider/McBain to approve. Motion carried.

CSM review: A one lot map in the Town of Big Bend for Alan Wright. Motion by McBain/Meyer to approve. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 10:00 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 closed the public hearing at 10:32 A.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by McBain/Schneider to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions contingent on improving the buffer. Motion carried.

Budget review – The fee increase was approved with a start date of January 2021. Nothing else has changed.

Enforcement issues – Would like to send letters to all rentals regarding violations. Meyer stated rentals should have signs placed in view of the public. Schneider also stated public health to also have letter stating their approval of the rentals.

Correction to the July 14 minutes. Need to add an omitted paragraph to the Aaron Tom public hearing request: Motion to Meyer/McBain to amend minutes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be November 10, 2020 time to be determined.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 10:52 A.M.

Colleen Schott
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