

LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 14, 2024

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, Kurt Gorseger, Brian Coggins, John Moore, and Mike Russell. Staff present: Yvonne Johnson, Nick Stadnyk, Mary Berg, Colleen Schott, and John Fitzl via zoom.

Nominations for Chairman. Coggins nominated Willingham. Gorseger second. Called three times of other nominations. Motion by Moore/Russell to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Willingham as Chairman. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice-Chair. Coggins nominated Gorseger. Russell second. Called three times of other nominations. Motion by Russell/Coggins to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gorseger as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

Approve minutes: Russell/Moore motion to approve the committee minutes from the April 9th, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Payment Approval Reports: Gorseger/Coggins motion to approve. Motion carried.

Land Information Report: Fitzl gave a synopsis of what his departments responsibilities are. Provided a presentation of the Beacon Program and explained the website, how it works, and the helpful layers. Explained the grants his department receives and where the grant money is spent.

Register of Deeds Report: Berg provided the committee with information regarding the department services including recordings, documents and the veterans program. Explained the back indexing. Their office had 65,000 recordings in 2023.

Treasurer Report: Nielsen not present. No report.

Zoning Report: Johnson explained what Zoning is and the responsibilities of the department. She then reported on the permits. The Land Use Permits are currently at 134 compared to 110 in 2023. Sanitary permits are currently at 35 in comparison to 19 in 2023. Land use permits are up 67 since last meeting. To date there are 321 camper permits. There were 33 enforcement letters sent. Majority are unpermitted RVs and unpermitted tourist rooming houses. Three citations issued. Two are for tourist rooming and one for unpermitted construction.

Land Conservation Report: Stadnyk informed the committee the structure and responsibilities of all the departments. Informed the committee of the new aerial photos of the county which should be available on the website by the end of the year. Working with finance to move recycling duties to Land Conservation. Currently deep into field work including shoreland program. He offered GIS software to any of the committee members if they are interested.

Public Hearing: Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 3:40 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Rusk for Flock and Rock Ranch

Trust. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 3:44 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Gorsenger/Russell to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

CSM Review: One lot map in the Town of Strickland for Judy Wachowski. Meets requirements. Johnson recommends approval. Motion by Moore/Gorseger to approve. Motion carried.

CSM Review: Two lot map in the Town of Washington for Matt Flater. Meets length to width requirements. Johnson recommends approval. Motion by Coggins/Moore to approve. Motion carried.

CSM Review: Three lot map in the Town of Rusk for Timberdoodle Land Company. Recommends approval contingent on meeting all state requirements on final CSM map. Motion by Russell/Gorseger to approve contingent on completing the necessary requirements. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action:

Out of County Travel: Berg explained the WROD summer conference is June 19-21 in Green Bay. Requesting out of county travel to attend. Motion to approve out of county travel by Gorseger/Coggins. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:00 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Rusk for Miller Point LLC. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:02 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Moore/Russell to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Fitzl explained to the committee about McCann Shores addressing issues. Property owners are now applying for fire numbers. Asking the committee to forgo the fee or willing to lower the fee. Will put on the agenda for next month to discuss further.

Public Hearing: Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:15 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a tourist rooming house in the Town of Willard for Mettermeyer. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 4:17 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Reviewed the staff recommendations. Motion by Gorsinger/Coggins to approve the request as presented with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 4:30 P.M. to open a public hearing for a request to allow a campground in the Town of Rusk for KAP1972 LLC. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 5:00 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Willingham requested an onsite visit for the committee to get a visual of the property. An onsite visit is scheduled for Wednesday May 29th at 4:00. The zoning meeting will reconvene after the onsite visit is complete at the Law Enforcement Center with the public welcome to attend.

The next regular meeting will be June 11th, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

Adjourn: Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 5:10 P.M.

Colleen Schott, Zoning Technician