

Minutes

Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Committee November 9, 2011

Committee Members Present: Warren Johnson, Fred Zietlow, Chuck Gunderson, Hal Helwig

Others Present: Dianne Ince – County Treasurer, Kris Mayberry – County Clerk, Dale Olson – ZAC Administrator, Tim Seidl – Assistant Conservationist, Phil Nies – Bass Lake, Len Eckerly – Hunter, Dick Dewhurst – Hayward, Linda Zillmer, Terrell Boettcher – SCR.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Zietlow.

Motion by Johnson, second by Zietlow to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to approve the October minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

Linda Zillmer expressed concern that the public noticing process was not followed for the Shoreland Ordinance. Helwig responded he would check with the County Clerk.

Placid Lake Diversion Canal

Olson stated a grant was applied for the end of July and he is waiting to hear back from the DNR for approval. He reported talking to the Tiger Cat property owners who were concerned about the coffer dam and traffic patterns. The project will proceed in spring.

Round Lake Watershed Management Issues

Olson handed out copies to committee members of the SEH proposal that was requested by committee member Bruce Paulsen. Discussion of the proposal and bid. Johnson stated that more information would be needed on construction, but the plan/task 1 should move forward. Discussion on contracted vs. in-house issues and liability. Motion by Johnson, second by Zietlow to proceed with the SEH proposal: Task 1. Motion carried.

Habitable Structures

Gunderson stated there was no update and the item could remain on the agenda for next month.

Flood Plain Maps

Johnson reported that he and Paulsen attended a land conference and were able to take a look at lidar imaging maps. The technology is expensive but very useful.

Land Sale

County Treasurer Dianne Ince requested approval to send letters requesting bids for abstracting the 2007 delinquent tax parcels. Currently there are approximately 250 unpaid parcels county wide. Bids will be presented at the December committee meeting.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to grant approval to send the letter. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ince presented an application from Dolores J. Beaudin for the minimum bid of \$900 to purchase lots in Northwoods Beach. Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to approve the purchase of Abendpost Beach Subdivision Lots 36, 37 and 38, Block 16. Motion carried.

NRCS

No representative present.

DNR

No representative present.

LCO

No representative present.

County Work Report

Assistant Conservationist Tim Seidl gave the monthly work report on activities including wetland mitigation, well information, LUP/SAN/CST permit numbers, and wildlife damage.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion by Gunderson, second by Zietlow to approve the monthly expenditures as presented.

Motion carried.

Minimum Dwelling size of 500 square feet

Olson reported there have been four in the last three months and they were able to use the conditional use process. Phil Nies spoke about protecting property values. Discussion of the conditional use vs. variance process. The 500 square foot number has seemed to work well with individual situations considered. Item for information, no action taken.

Walkout Basements on Lake side of Property

Olson drew several scenario illustrations on the white board. In the past, only landward basement additions were allowed. Discussion was held regarding policy. It was determined that lakeside walkouts should be allowed with other ordinance regulations applying. Item for information, no action taken.

Other Business for Discussion

Discussion on the Deer Lake dam, Price Dam bills.

Motion by Gunderson second by Johnson to convene into closed session, pursuant to section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation in which the county is involved in. Motion carried with a roll call vote, all in favor: Zeitlow, Johnson, Helwig & Gunderson.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Gunderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Kelly Nechuta, Recorder