

MINUTES

The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land & Zoning Committee met at the Courthouse on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Lambert. Proper publication of the meeting was established.

Present: Committee Members Lambert, Innes, Luke, & Smith; Kichak arrived several minutes late; & Zoning Admn Tom Bergman.

Motion by Innes/Luke to approve the minutes from the 4/19/11 meeting; carried 4-0.

Because of the large number of people in attendance for the conditional use hearing for Pitlik & Wick, a motion was made by Smith/Luke to deviate from the published agenda to move to item 5; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Liberty Land Inc, owner/Pitlik & Wick Inc, applicant - Allow the operation of a non-metallic mining pit (gravel quarry) on the NE-SW, SE-SW, NW-SE & SW-SE, Sec. 18, T41N, R3E, Town of Sherman. Zoning Admn Bergman noted that the Town of Sherman has not acted on this application yet. Therefore, the Committee explained to the audience that the County would not be taking any action on this application until the Town of Sherman makes a determination. Chairman Kichak asked for comments from the audience. Several individuals spoke in opposition of this application, including Joe Mormon, Dale Pillsbury, Bill Rowe & Robert Pripps. Joe Mormon stated that he sent a letter to Springstead property owners outlining his reasons for opposing the gravel pit, and he received responses from more than 300 people who are also opposed to this proposed operation. Members of the audience stated problems such as dust, noise, water pollution, heavy truck traffic, and the smell that the plant would emit as some of the reasons that they are opposed to this proposed operation, all of which would devalue their property and adversely affect the rural character of the area. A letter was also received from Tom Mowbray, Treasurer of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage & Trude Lake Property Owners Association stating the Associations' opposition to this application. As stated in their letter, "the mission of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage & Trude Lake Property Owners Association is to maintain, protect and enhance the quality of the Turtle Flambeau Flowage, Trude Lake and their surroundings...". Zoning Admn Bergman noted that he also received several other letters and emails opposing this application and expressing the communities adverse response to the proposed operation of a gravel pit in this area. Bergman provided all of the correspondence he received for the Committee to review. Gerald Luke stated that the Sherman Planning Commission would be meeting on 6/7/11 on this application. Motion by Lambert/Innes to table any action on this item until the Town of Sherman makes a determination; carried 5-0.

Rezone Hearing – Michael & Judith Abelson – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) District, the North ½ of the SE-NE, Sec. 14, T45N, R2E, Town of Carey, to bring an existing property into the correct zoning designation. Zoning Admn Bergman noted that the existing residence located on this property was constructed prior to the adoption of Zoning regulations in Iron County. Town Board approval was received. Motion by Smith/Innes to approve the rezone; carried 5-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Curt & Terry Myers – Allow the construction of a 32' x 60' accessory building on lands located in the SE-NE, Sec. 7, T44N, R3E, Town of Oma. Town Board approval was received. Motion by Luke/Lambert to approve; carried 5-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Paul Mrdjenovich – Allow the construction of a seasonal dwelling on lands located in an F-1 (Forestry) District, described as the West ½ of the NW-NE, Sec. 24, T45N, R2E, Town of Carey. The Town of Carey has not acted on this item yet. Motion by Innes/Lambert to approve this item, pending Town Board approval; carried 5-0.

UDC Ordinance – Discussion was held regarding the UDC ordinance. Zoning Admn Bergman requested direction from the Committee regarding interpretation of section 1.6 of the ordinance, which deals with alterations of a building in excess of 500 square feet. The Committee agreed that all alterations in excess of 500 square feet of living area, not just the footprint, should be inspected.

Bills – Motion by Smith/Luke to pay the bills; carried 5-0.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, June 14,, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Lambert/Innes to adjourn; carried 5-0.