

MINUTES

The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land & Zoning Committee met at the Courthouse on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Chairman Kichak. Proper publication of the meeting was established. The public notice for the bulk sampling by Gogebic Taconite conditional use and the Ponik tourist rooming house conditional use was not published correctly.

Committee members present: Jim Kichak, Jim Lambert, Gerald Luke, & John Smith. George Nasi absent. Also present was Zoning Admin Tom Bergman and County Board Chairman Joe Pinardi.

Motion by Luke/ Smith to approve the minutes from 12/17/13; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Jerald Kasdorf – Allow the construction of a 40' x 30' accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned district, part of Sec. 27, T43N, R3E, Town of Mercer, Lot 1 of the Turtle Rapids Subdivision, (site address is 3500W Turtle Rapids Lane). Town board approval was received. Motion by Lambert/Luke to approve; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Anita Ponik – Allow the operation of a tourist rooming house in an R-1 (Residential) zoned District part of GV Lot 3, Sec. 25, T43N, R4E, Town of Mercer, (site address is 2379W County Road J). Public notice was improperly published, no action taken.

Conditional Use Hearing – Gogebic Taconite – Allow bulk sampling in an F-1 (Forestry) zoned District, sites being located in part of the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ and part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼, Sec. 33, T45N, R1W, Town of Anderson, (site address is Moore's Park Road). Public notice was improperly published, no action taken.

Rezone Hearing – Margaret Kauffman – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) zoned District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) zoned District, part of the NW ¼ of the SE ¼, Sec. 25, T41N, R3E, Town of Sherman, to bring the property into zoning compliance. (Site address is 2611W Bearskull Road). Verbal town board approval was received. Motion by Luke/Smith to approve upon arrival of the paperwork; carried 4-0.

Discussion of Plat Books – The idea of ordering new plat books was discussed. It was also discussed to sell the old plat books at a reduced rate. The process of new plat books will be started and done by Fall of 2014. The 2006 plat books will be sold for a price of \$5.00. The 2009 plat books will be sold for \$10.00. Motion by Luke/Smith to approve; carried 4-0.

Administrator's Report – Admin Bergman explained that Tony Stella brought some text issues in the bulk sampling ordinance to the attention of the zoning department. It is in the works to be corrected. The needed change should not hold up the Bulk Sampling process because the intent is clear within the current ordinance. Admin Bergman also

explained that John Nelson the Highway Commissioner has asked that we look into changing the ordinance on driveways.

Public Comment - It was asked if members of the public would be able to read over the text changes in the ordinance before it was approved. Bergman explained they are small changes so it is likely they would be available.

It was asked that the committee pays attention to runoff when approving the bulk sample permit. Chairman Kichak explained that they will be using hay bales and silt screen. Bergman explained that it is part of the DNR stormwater permit. We are not here to overlap what other departments are already doing.

It was asked if the DNR looks over the permit submitted to the county. Bergman explained that it has been discussed with the DNR but they are not involved in our decision making process.

It was asked why the Conditional Use permit was applied for and may be approved before the Stormwater plan is approved by the DNR. Bergman explained that the County can make a condition of the permit that the Stormwater plan is approved however the company needs to wait for the approval from the DNR anyway.

It was explained by a member of the public that the PUD process is expensive. After research it was found that it doesn't seem to matter what the county does to regulate because the state has more power after Chapter 295 was passed. Now it is a matter of what is most cost effective. Due to the fact that a PUD is specific to a site, project, and company it may be more cost effective for the county to go another route. It was explained that the one last power the county has is to make mining illegal. Bergman explained that it might be illegal to prohibit something just to stop it from happening.

Bills – Motion by Lambert/Luke to approve the bills; carried 4-0.

Next Meeting Date – January 30, 2014 at 4:00pm, special meeting for bulk sampling conditional use. February 18, 2014 at 3:00pm for regular scheduled meeting.

Motion by Lambert/Smith to Adjourn.