

MINUTES

The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land and Zoning Committee met at the Courthouse on Tuesday November 18, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chairman Kichak. Proper publication of the meeting was established.

Committee members present: Jim Kichak, Brad Matson, George Nasi, Vic Ouimette, and John Smith. Also present was Zoning Admn Bergman and Joe Pinardi County Board Chairman.

Motion by Matson/Nasi to approve the minutes from 10/21/2014; carried 5-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – John Bestler and Cheri Little – Allow the construction of a 80' x 45' accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District, located in part of GV Lot 1, Sec. 3, T42N, R3E, Lot 2 of CSM 365, Town of Mercer, (site address is 4819N Little Pike Lake Road). The Town of Mercer denied the request for the building. They received several complaints from other residents about the size of the building. Motion to deny by Matson/Smith; carried 5-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Lee and Pam Clements – Allow the issuance of an annual permit for a Recreational Vehicle in an R-1 (Residential) zoned District located on parcel 4 of CSM 74, Sec. 12, T45N, R1E, Town of Knight, (site address is Tank Road). No public comment. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Ouimette/Nasi; carried 5-0.

Rezone Hearing – Linda Thompson – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) District, part of the SW ¼ of the SE ¼, and part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Sec. 33, T42N, R2E, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. Site address is 2550N Koshak Road. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Matson/Ouimette; carried 5-0.

Rezone Hearing – Arnold Downs – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) District, part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, Sec. 32, T43N, R3E, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. Site address is 4198W County Road FF. Town approval was not received. Motion to table by Matson/Ouimette; carried 5-0.

Discussion of scheduling for the metallic mining ordinance – Bergman explained that it is the hope to have Jaekels here at the next zoning meeting to answer questions and talk about the ordinance. We would encourage the Mining Impact Committee and the County Board to attend. Ouimette asked if we should include a closed session just in case there was anything we needed to talk about. Bergman responded he would check with Jaekels. The public will be welcome to attend and public comment will be allowed however we are not required to answer. After the December Zoning Committee meeting we would hope to have the public hearing by the end of January or early February, and go to the County Board for their meeting at the end of February.

Administrators Report – Bergman stated he had nothing new to report but wanted to address a question from Ouimette. Ouimette had been approached by a Mercer Citizen questioning a setback call on a new residence construction project. Bergman answered that he has been out several times to the residence to measure the setback from the water and from the road. It is at the correct setbacks the only thing the land owner did impact is about three feet of the shoreline buffer to place his silt fence. Bergman explained that he will be in contact next growing season to discuss replanting that area. Bergman stated that we will try to go check all new residences, especially waterfront properties.

Public Comment – A member of the public questioned a section in the ordinance that states that the fee may be reduced or refunded in matter of hardship and if we are referring to GTac they should have no problem with that fee. Bergman responded that this ordinance is not specifically for this project, that there may be a project in the future where this would apply.

A member of the public stated that the Mining Impact Committee will make big important decisions and questioned why the chair is not an elected official. It seems that the chair should be someone that has been elected by the citizens of Iron County.

Approval of Bills – Ouimette/Matson to approve the bills; carried 5-0.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday December 16, 2014 at 2:00pm.

Motion by Nasi/Smith to adjourn.