

MINUTES

The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land and Zoning Committee met at the Haines Building in the Town of Mercer on Tuesday July 21, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chairman Kichak. Proper publication of the meeting was established.

Committee members present: Jim Kichak, Vic Ouimette, and John Smith. Also present Zoning Admn Tom Bergman and Joe Pinardi County Board Chairman.

Excused Absent: Brad Matson and George Nasi.

Motion by Ouimette/Smith to approve the minutes from the 6/16/15 meeting; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Brian McNelis and Julie Gustafson – Allow the operation of a tourist rooming house in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District, Part of GV Lot 6, Sec. 21, T41N, R3E, Lot 16 of Great Northern Trails Plat, Town of Mercer (site address is 5827N Great Northern Trails). Town denial was received. Kichak stated that it had been found at the Town of Mercer meeting that if the property owner could get support from their neighbors the town would approve it. There are covenants on the deed that they need to follow. The property owner is working on that at this time. Bergman stated that because it would be a change in the application they could reapply when they receive word from the neighbors. Motion to deny by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Richard and Julie Klug – Allow the construction of a 48' x 36' accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District located in part of the N ½ of the SE ¼, Sec. 32, T43N, R3E, Town of Mercer (site address is 4327W County Road FF). Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Pinardi/Ouimette; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Anthony and Margaret Gurske – Allow the placement of a 12' x 60' mobile home as a seasonal dwelling in an F-1 (Forestry) zoned District located in part of the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Sec. 12, T43N, R2E, Town of Mercer (site address is 5105W Moose Lake Road). Town approval was not received. Kichak stated that the town lawyer is looking through the ordinance to ensure they take the appropriate action regarding mobile homes in the Town of Mercer. Motion to table until town approval is received by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Darryl and Jennifer Pufahl – Allow the construction of a 50' x 36' accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District located in part of the NE ¼ of Sec. 13, T44N, R4E, Town of Oma (site address is 8387N Pardee Lake Lane). Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Smith/Ouimette; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Ken and Beth Godfrey – Allow the construction of a 63' x 40' accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District located in part of GV Lot 3, Sec. 21, T41N, R3E, Town of Sherman (site address is 4097W State Hwy 182). Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. A member of the public acting as an agent for a neighboring property handed out a letter to the Zoning Committee with concerns about the accessory building and asked for the decision to be postponed. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Admn Bergman stated that approval from the town was received. Discussion by the Zoning Committee. Motion to table and send it back to the town by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Kyle and Tammy Thompson – Allow the construction of a 36' x 36' accessory building in an R-1 (Residential) zoned District located in part of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼, Sec. 9, T46N, R1W, Town of Gurney (site address is 13790N State Hwy 169). Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. No public comment. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Smith/Pinardi; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Nicholas Wienold – Allow the construction of a 48' x 30' accessory building in an F-1 (Forestry) zoned District located in part of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, Sec. 19, T43N, R4E, Town of Mercer (site address is 2170W Beaver Road). Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. No public comment. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Betty Sneyd – Allow the construction of a 32' x 12' addition to an accessory building in an RR-1 (Residential Recreation) zoned District located in part of Sec. 33, T42N, R2E, Lot 4 of Flambeau Estates, Town of Mercer (site address is 6432W Turtle Flambeau Dam Road). Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. No public comment. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Pinardi/Smith; carried 4-0.

Rezone Hearing – Gary Russ – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, located in part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼, Sec. 6, T41N, R2E, Town of Mercer, to bring the property into zoning compliance. Site address is 2470 County FF. Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. No public comment. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Rezone Hearing – Benjy and Laura Baldwin – Rezone from an F-1 (Forestry) District to an R-3 (Rural Residential) District, part of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼, Sec 14, T45N, R2E, Town of Carey, to bring the property into zoning compliance. Site address is 11151N Lampi Road. Public comment opened by Chairman Kichak. No public comment. Public comment closed by Chairman Kichak. Town approval was received. Motion to approve by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Discussion of Flashing Signs – Bergman explained that there has been some interest in animated or digital signs. Bergman requested that the Zoning Committee better determine the definition of what a flashing sign is in the ordinance. The Zoning Committee asked Bergman to do some research into how the state defines it and report his findings at the next meeting.

Resolution Requesting Operating Funds for Mining Ordinance Development from Mining Investment and Local Impact Fund Board – Bergman explained the resolution is to request funds to cover the operating costs of developing the ordinance. Motion to recommend to the County Board by Ouimette/Smith; carried 4-0.

Administrator's Report – Bergman stated he had nothing to report. Ouimette asked about the changes to Shoreland Zoning in the state budget. Bergman explained it sets up NR 115 as the minimum and the maximum regulations and the county cannot be more or less restrictive. We are still waiting for guidance from the DNR. Corporation Counsel Michael Pope suggested we hold off approving some shoreland permits unless necessary or when permit process is clear, until we have further clarification from the DNR.

Public Comment – A member of the public discussed and had some suggestions for further development of the POWTS program.

Approval of the Bills – Motion by Ouimette/Pinardi to approve the bills; carried 4-0.

Next Meeting Date – August 18, 2015 at the Iron County Courthouse.

Motion by Ouimette/Smith to adjourn; carried 4-0.

*A digital recording of the meeting is available upon request.