

MINUTES

The Iron County Comprehensive Planning/Land & Zoning Committee met at the Courthouse on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Zoning Administrator Tom Bergman. Proper publication of the meeting was established.

Present: Committee Members Lambert, Innes & Luke; Kichak arrived late. Absent: Smith. Also present: County Board Chairman DeRosso & Zoning Admn Bergman.

Motion by Innes/Lambert to deviate from the published agenda and move to item #4 (election of vice chairman); carried 3-0.

Election of Vice Chairman – Zoning Admn Bergman called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Motion by Innes/Luke to nominate Lambert for Vice Chairman; carried 3-0. Zoning Admn Bergman called for nominations for Vice Chairman three more times. No other nominations for Vice Chairman were received. Lambert was elected Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote.

Election of Chairman – Vice Chairman Lambert called for nominations for Chairman. Motion by Innes/Luke to nominate Kichak for Chairman; carried 3-0. Lambert called for nominations for Chairman three more times. No other nominations for Chairman were received. Kichak was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote.

Motion by Innes/DeRosso to approve the minutes from the 3/16/10 meeting; carried 3-0 (Luke abstained as he was not a member of the Zoning Committee at the 3/16/10 meeting).

Conditional Use Hearing – Julie Ann Begalle – Allow the operation of a health spa on lands located in the SE-NE, Sec. 31, T43N, R4E, Town of Mercer (site address is 5159N Thompson Trail). Town Board approval was received. Motion by Innes/Luke to approve; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Michael Baxter – Allow the construction of a 32' x 32' garage on lands located in the SW-SE, Sec. 34, T43N, R3E, Town of Mercer. The Committee agreed that this item tied into agenda item #12, a discussion re: personal property located on forest crop lands. A lengthy discussion was held regarding managed forest lands and how people are taxed for buildings located on property under a managed forest land order. Tax Assessor Dan Soine was at the meeting, and explained that there are certain criteria that have to be met under the DNR rules for entering property into managed forest land, and people are assessed a personal property tax for buildings located on those lands. Dan Soine stated that a personal property tax is calculated at the same rate that general real estate taxes are calculated. Zoning Admn Bergman noted that the Mercer Town Board approved this application with the condition that this building not be used for a commercial business or for human habitation without proper permitting and inspection. Therefore, a motion was made by Lambert/Innes to approve the application, with the Town of Mercer stipulations; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Daniel Bormann & Jeanne Matchefts – Allow the construction of a 32' x 48' accessory building on Lot 4, the North 45' of Lot 5, & Outlot A, County Plat of Payment Lake, Town of Mercer. Motion by Lambert/Luke to approve this application, pending Town Board approval; carried 4-0.

Conditional Use Hearing – Andrew Wolf – Allow the operation of a tourist rooming house on lands located in Gov't Lot 7, Sec. 24, T42N, R2E, Town of Mercer (site address is 3409N Popko Circle West). Town Board approval has not been received yet. Motion by Innes/Luke to table this item until the Town of Mercer makes a determination; carried 3-0 (Lambert abstained).

Steve Willson Land Division – Attorney Schellgell appeared before the Committee to request direction re: the possible division of lands owned by Steve Willson on Crystal Lake in Mercer. Mr. Willson owns Lots 15, 16, 17 & 18 of the Crystal Lake subdivision, each lot containing approximately 100' of frontage on Crystal Lake. Mr. Willson would like to convey the South ½ of Lot 18 to the neighbor to the South, and the North ½ of Lot 15 to the neighbor to the North, creating larger lots, and decreasing the amount of lots available for development. Motion by Lambert/Luke to approve; carried 4-0.

Blight – Leland Sarmont appeared before the Committee re: several properties in the Town of Knight that he feels fall under the blight ordinance. One of the properties has already been addressed by the Zoning Dept. The Committee advised Mr. Sarmont that the procedure set forth in the blight ordinance indicates that he must begin this process at the town level, and recommended he bring his complaints before the Town Board of Knight.

Bills – Motion by Innes/Luke to pay the bills; carried 4-0.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Innes/Luke to adjourn; carried 4-0.