



Sawyer County Wisconsin



Zoning and Conservation 10/12/2011

Minutes

Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Committee

October 12, 2011

Committee Members Present: Jim Bassett, Bruce Paulsen, Warren Johnson, Fred Zietlow, Chuck Gunderson. Bernie Kadlec- absent

Others Present: Len Eckerly, Dick Dewhurst, Dan Tyrolt, Mike Koehler, Frank Dallam, Linda Zillmer, Robyn Thake, Brian DeVries, Kris Mayberry, Dale Olson, Cindy Yackley, Tim Seidl, Terrell Boettcher – Sawyer County Record.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Bassett.

Motion by Zeitlow, second by Johnson to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Paulsen to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.

Audience Recognition

Linda Zillmer spoke about Washburn County hearing their first CUP for short term rentals and stated that they have a deadline of April 1, 2012 for all properties to be permitted and she asked the ZAC Committee to start enforcing the short term rentals in Sawyer County. Also a DNR hearing was held on a property in Edgewater regarding the property owner who is also a developer graded 32,000 square feet of lake shore property before getting the proper permits. She asked the committee if they would find a better way to catch this problem before it happens again in the future. Olson stated the County caught the violation on one of our routine inspections.

OLD BUSINESS

Placid Lake Diversion Canal

Olson reported that he had applied for a grant and it was to be reviewed by September 15th. He contacted Eileen Trainor from the DNR and received an e-mail from her stating that they will be reviewing the application on October 24th and she would be in touch afterwards. She also mentioned that there was only one other application in front of ours and that she would let Olson know the results after the review. Olson stated he's a bit leery about putting it in in November working with frozen soils. When asked his opinion, Frank Dallam stated that it would be very dangerous working with frozen soils. It was agreed that waiting until spring would be a better decision.

Round Lake Watershed Management

Paulsen handed out a written update on the Round Lake Chain and the Carlson Road bridge and stated the next steps would be to get an estimate from SEH on the cost of the project, get County Board approval to proceed (if needed), discuss this with the Round Lake

Property Owners Association and then submit the application to abandon the 1941 order to the DNR along with plans for the new bridge. When asked what's next, Frank Dallam stated that a permit will need to be applied for, a specific plan will need to be drawn up that shows the existing and proposed. Discussion was held on whom to get to handle the steps in rescinding the 1941 order properly and what the next step would be. A lawyer needs to be involved as well as an engineering firm for the plans. Estimates will need to be approved for the cost of design work. The Committee would like to see an estimate or a rough idea, to see what it would cost to see if bids should be taken. SEH had previously given some tentative numbers when they looked at this about six months ago. Paulsen stated that the engineering cost according to SEH would be roughly \$10,000.00 and about \$120,000 to replace the bridge and that the figure would come down substantially if the work was done by the county. It was determined that SEH should be the firm to continue since they are the ones who have been involved from the start and that Paulsen should get the final cost from them and the attorney and bring back to the committee for review and to update the County Board possibly in November. The Round Lake and Osprey Lake Property Owners Association is also to be updated with Paulsen's information. Olson will apply for a grant to help in the cost to remove the timber sidewalls.

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Habitable Structures

Gundersen stated that the sub-committee has not met and no further action has taken place. He requested the issue be placed on next months agenda. Olson added that the office has internally defined the difference between a basement and crawlspace, which is 5 feet maximum for crawlspaces.

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Flood Plain Maps

Paulsen passed out the flood plain information previously as well as a letter from TJ Duffy giving his opinion on ZACs obligation to provide flood plain data to those who inquire about it. Paulsen recommends that the GIS Specialist, Brian DeVries map the flood plain in the Couderay River watershed and in order to do that, DeVries would need to purchase software which would be about \$2,500. DeVries stated that with this software, he would need a consultant or someone to check the data that he comes up with to verify the correctness of the data. Discussion was held on who to get to consult and the cost that would be involved with that money to possibly be taken out of the contingency fund. More discussion was held on whether DeVries committee would allow him to do this and a motion by Johnson, second by Paulsen that a request be made to the Courthouse Committee asking approval of DeVries time to work on this project. Motion carried.

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Cell Tower Ordinance

Olson stated that this was tabled from last month, but that the committee members have seen it enough times that it could be moved forward. Motion by Paulsen, second by Gundersen to move the proposed ordinance forward to County Board. Motion Carried. NOTE: This proposed ordinance has not yet had the required public hearing for public input. This will be placed on the November Zoning Committee Public Hearing Agenda and will be published as a class 2 notice in the Sawyer County Record.

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NEW BUSINESS

NRCS Business

Mike Koehler reported that he now has a half time secretary and a new technician has started working for a 13 month term/position as a fill in while the other technician is in Afghanistan. Sign ups for cost sharing will start in November/December and maybe into January. Contracting will start after that and over the winter.

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DNR Business

Frank Dallam reported that he and Dave Kafura have a new boss by the name of Dave Helsel who is out of Black River Falls. Dallam stated that what was called the Northern Region is now being called the Western Unit of the Waters Program. Helsels territory is from Black River Falls to Superior and he reports to a regional water reg. leader who is in Eau Claire. Dallam's territory has not changed and the state is looking at opening up their service centers again so Spooner will be open 5 days a week and Hayward at least 3 days a week.

LCO Business

Dan Tyrolt reported that this may be another record year at their fish hatchery with more extended growth walleye than the 5 million

DNR Spooner hatchery. He reported that they also got some interns from the college and they are in the process of doing some culvert inventory on the reservation. They're busy with monitoring the cranberry discharges and have been taking a lot of beaver complaints.

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Monthly Work Report

Tim Seidl gave a short report on a Frac Sand Mining seminar that he attended. He passed out a Wisconsin map showing the location of sandstone areas, the areas that are actively being mined, in the process of developing and areas in the future. Discussion was held on the fee's the office charges with the possibility of increasing the fees. A typed summary of the months work report was handed out and discussed and Olson reminded the Committee members that an informational meeting will be held at the Ojibwa Town Hall on Thursday, the 13th on the new proposed NR115 Shoreland Ordinance. Olson also reported that Carl Lippert, who is the state sanitation inspector for this district is retiring. With less assistance from the State, the \$100 from each sanitary permit paid to them was discussed. Permits are increasing in numbers, the grant for the AIS Coordinator was received with Sawyer County being awarded 23% of the states total, and he also reported that wildlife damage is down.

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2012 Public Hearing Schedule

The 2012 Public Hearing schedule was handed out and discussed. There was a motion by Paulsen, second by Gundersen to approve the schedule as presented and that a copy of the schedule be given to the Judge in hopes that he can schedule court trials around the public hearing days so the large courtroom is available for public hearings. (UPDATE: The judge has reviewed the schedule and has agreed to the use of the large courtroom for ZC public hearings except for two months {February & March} as trials have already been set for these months, however there always is the chance that the trials are postponed or cancelled.)

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Review and Approve Monthly Vouchers

Motion by Zietlow, second by Johnson to approve the monthly vouchers. Motion carried.

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Adjournment

Motion by Johnson, second by Paulsen to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Cindy Yackley