

**Rushford Township Planning Committee Meeting
August 26, 2015**

Present: Town Clerk Peggy Hendricks, Chairman Tom Egan, Supervisor Jerry Schoonover, Dean Kaderabek, Zoning Administrator Fred Kasten and planning committee members Ryan Helmuth, Tom Jackson, Rob Resop, Supervisor Patrick Kafer and Nicole Bahn.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Review of Proposed McClelland/Langeberg CSM: The proposed CSM (for parcel 022-149102 and part of 022-1249101) had originally been presented to the town board at the July 1 meeting but was tabled pending a request for additional information. This is also the second month this item has been on the planning committee agenda. Nicole Bahn read an email from Attorney John Blazel which stated that his “legal opinion is that the town must approve the CSM.” Blazel went on to explain that the existing lots are already below the minimum legal size so the sale would not be reducing them (since neither are currently legal size.) Furthermore a variance would not be needed since the sale is occurring between adjacent owners.

Motion: Recommendation to town board to approve the proposed CSM was made by Helmuth and seconded by Kafer. All voted in favor.

10 Year Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop: To begin the process, the Town of Rushford’s core values were reviewed to make sure they were still adequate. The next step would be to review the goals and objectives to achieve these (control outcomes through the details.) The land use map will be checked to ensure that these are reflected and also can be accomplished.

Core Values:

- A rural atmosphere
- A low crime rate
- Strong family values and moral standards
- Social and community organized activities
- Town government
- Our culture and historical background
- Farming and small business
- Natural, environmental land
- Well managed land use
- Well-planned development of a low density population
- High standards of quality public services (fire, electric, road maintenance, garbage pickup etc.)
- A healthy, natural atmosphere

Additional discussion notes:

- The same publishing guidelines that are required for the updated ordinances will need to be followed for the comprehensive plan update as well
- Is it time for municipal sewer service in some areas – whose cost and responsibility?
- Roads – dealing with wear and tear from agricultural equipment, who will also pay for general upkeep and improvements?
- Animal, population charts should be updated from last comprehensive plan
- New issues have come up in the last 15 years – wind farms, large farms. What items may come up in the future?
- Additional committee members will include Russell Lee and Larry Hildebrand.

Action Item: Hendricks will place a copy of the last comprehensive plan online. All committee members are to review the plan and email update suggestions to Hendricks prior to the next planning committee meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 P.M. Motion made by Kafer and seconded by Bahn.

Submitted by: Nicole Bahn – Recording Secretary