

**Rushford Township Planning Committee Meeting
June 28, 2017**

Board and Committee Members Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Jackson, Town Chairman Tom Egan, Town Supervisor Jerry Schoonover, Town Clerk Peggy Hendricks and planning committee members: Town Supervisor Pat Kafer, Ryan Helmuth, Rob Resop, Nicole Bahn and Dan Stokes.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice Chairman Ryan Helmuth.

Public Hearing for Steven & Carol Eake on Parcel 022-0368-01 at 3602 Bell Line Road, Omro

- Applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction of a two car garage
 - Applicants own the above 10 acre parcel as well as a 40 acre parcel to the west. Zoning is GA.
 - There are no future plans to construct a home on this site in the future. Seasonal camping is done.
 - Approximate size of the garage would be 30'x30' with a 6' overhang, metal siding and roof
 - Utilization would be for tractor and mower storage as well as shelter if there was inclement weather
 - Applicants visit the property about every week to mow
 - No living quarters or running would be included, building would have electricity
 - No neighbors contacted anyone on the town board with concerns

Motion made by Stokes, seconded by Kafer: Recommend approval to the town board for a CUP to construct a two car garage on parcel 022-0368-01. All voted in favor.

Old Business: Discussion on Edward Patrick Parcel 022-071701 at 9133 River Road, Berlin

- Town Clerk Hendricks has sent letters previously as well as two CUP applications which were not completed and returned
- Continued concerns about safety with inability of emergency vehicles to get in driveway as well as the number of unregistered cars near the roadway
- Shed was put up in response to a letter sent last year but vehicles continue to be parked in driveway down to the road
- Zoning Administrator Jackson has tried stopping by several times but no one has answered the door

Motion made by Kafer, seconded by Stokes: Recommend town board approves sending out a final certified letter that would give 30 days to bring the property into compliance. If not in compliance, fines would follow. All voted in favor.

New Business: Various Topics

- Semi truck trailer complaint on Quarry Road
 - Are the trailers temporarily parked there or being used for storage?
 - Question on property zoning – Rural Residential or Agricultural
 - Question on whether or not trailer can be licensed (and is - or is not - licensed)
 - Other parcel complaints can be provided to Zoning Administrator Jackson for review
 - Suggestion by Kafer to run the trailer issue by the town attorney
- Mobile home complaint on Quarry Road
 - If no one was currently residing there, it would be considered abandoned and would need to be removed
 - Supposedly there is still someone living there

- Zoning Administrator Jackson suggested an annual ordinance review
 - Suggested timing would be in October or November – need to verify that ordinance rewrite author Dean Kaderabek could be present
 - Issues that have been raised could be reviewed (such as black top specifications for subdivisions)
 - Could clarify some topics but concern if things were too specific / restrictive
 - Public comments included consideration for:
 - Expanded definitions (Cul-de-sac, trailer, public waste facility) and
 - Sex offender ordinance
 - Statement made that Winnebago County no longer notifies residents on placement
 - State already specifies distance from parks, schools etc.
 - Small changes would not need a three month review period and public hearing
 - Two meetings were held when ordinances were rewritten a few years ago
- Jesse Domke questioned about business hours for Marty’s Blue Sky Nursery on weekdays, weekends and holidays. There is not a CUP required so there are no set hours of operation.
 - Chairman Egan stated that there has not been any previous complaints on the business hours
- Jesse Domke questioned if a home business was being run out of a property at 8734 County K
 - Supposedly there are stone, salt and dirt piles as well as construction, landscaping and snowplowing equipment
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Zoning Administrator Jackson will stop in and see what the occupant’s intentions are and if anything

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 P.M. following a motion by Bahn and seconded by Stokes.

Submitted by Nicole Bahn – Recording Secretary