

**Rushford Township Planning Committee Meeting
October 28, 2020**

Board and Committee Members Present and Practicing Social Distancing: Town Clerk Peggy Hendricks, Town Supervisor Jerry Schoonover and planning committee members: Chairman Dan Stokes, Vice Chairman Rob Resop, Town Supervisor Pat Kafer, Jim Moore and alternate Nicole Bahn. Additional attendee included Paul Stellpflug.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Stokes at 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing on Request for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Big View Hill LLC (Parcel 022-0033-02)

- Applicant is looking to construct a 30'x40' pole building prior to the construction of a residence on the 10.16 acre parcel. Current zoning is general agriculture (GA).
- Property is planned to be used for a tree farm (hardwoods such as burr oak, not Christmas trees)
 - Building would house equipment needed for the tree farm
 - Construction is planned for spring 2021
 - Per Stellpflug, no equipment would be stored outside
 - Building is proposed to be 75'-90' feet from the road
- Erosion control permit needed through Winnebago County as land disturbance will be greater than 4,000 square feet
- Residence is estimated to be built in 8-10 years

Motion made by Stokes, seconded by Bahn: Recommend approval to the town board for a conditional use permit for parcel 022-0033-02 for the construction of a 30'x40' pole building with electric and water for the tree farm. All voted in favor.

Old Business:

- Unlicensed vehicle ordinance
 - Clarification from the June 2020 meeting
 - Some owners have several adjacent lots and the intention was not to allow three unlicensed vehicles per tax parcel
 - **Motion made by Kafer, seconded by Resop:** Recommend approval to the town board for amending the current ordinance to allow up to three DOT unlicensed vehicles per residence for general agriculture (GA), large estate residential (LER) and small estate residential (SER).
- Grass length ordinance
 - Consensus was with only one or two properties, an ordinance was not needed
 - Once a complaint is received by a Town Board member or sent to the town hall (not by driving around), Town Clerk send letter stating that a complaint has been made and also include language that if there is a hardship or assistance is needed, to contact the town hall.
- Noxious weed ordinance
 - Since the state already has an ordinance covering noxious weeds, the board felt nothing additional is needed at this time
- Storage containers – homes
 - Waushara County does not currently allow storage container homes
 - By requiring a conditional use permit, properties can be looked at on a case-by-case basis

- **Motion made by Kafer, seconded by Resop:** Recommend approval to the town board for requiring storage container homes to obtain a CUP and pass all required inspections. All voted in favor.
- Storage containers – building permit, taxable
 - Building permit would not be needed simply to bring a storage container in
 - Assessor Larry Timm has stated that yes, storage containers would be taxed

New Business:

- There was no new business

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

Submitted by Nicole Bahn – Fill-in Recording Secretary