

**Rushford Township Planning Committee Meeting  
March 29, 2017**

Board and Committee Members Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Jackson, Town Supervisor Jerry Schoonover and planning committee members: Town Supervisor Pat Kafer, Rob Resop, Nicole Bahn and alternate Russell Lee.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Vice Chairman Ryan Helmuth.

**Discussion on ATV/UTV Routes in the Town of Rushford (Presenter: Brandon Bonfiglio - Waushara County ATV Association)**

- Unlike snowmobiling, no private land would be used for the trails
- A proposed all-terrain vehicle route ordinance was presented. The Town of Rushford would have the ability to modify this document including routes and speeds.
  - Currently the ATV/UTV traffic would adhere to the posted speed limits for motor vehicles.
- ATV decibel levels are around 96 compared to lawnmowers at about 100 decibels
- ATV/UTV operation would be limited to the roads – no shoulders or medians
- Individuals that do not live on a route would need to trailer their machines
  - Question is DNR public hunting ground parking lots could be utilized
- Helmets only required for ATV/UTV operation on individuals under 18 years old
- The Village of Redgranite is holding a meeting tomorrow to vote on this topic. Supervisor Kafer plans to attend.
- Self-policing will include trail patrols that will collect descriptions and license plate numbers of offenders and report that information to law enforcement (such as the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department)
- Grants are available to assist with signage, enforcement, sound meters, parking areas but deadline is April 15
- Proposed opening date is May 15, 2017 with year-round operation and a one year trial period

**Motion made by Kafer, seconded by Lee:** Recommend tabling topic until next month's week. All in favor.

**Old Business: Discussion on Compost Pile Complaint from Carolyn & Richard Domke (Presenters: Domke Family)**

- Concern about possible effects on public health when compost is being turned over
- DNR got involved due to proximity to waterways
  - Commercially zoned parcel is by river, residentially zoned property includes a pond
  - 2015 DNR permit supposedly allows 20,000 cubic yards of waste (appx. 800 semi loads)
  - Question on if content and current placement of material is in areas that were approved by DNR
    - DNR inspection occurred last week – Melanie Burns is the contact person
    - Photos were taken pre- and post-inspection and provided to the DNR by the Domkes
- Zoning Administrator Jackson spoke with Pomplun last Friday items discussed included topics such as erosion runoff/control procedures, compost pile placement / setback requirements (piles moved afterwards)
- Zoning ordinance definitions could be different from DNR definitions

**Motion made by Resop, Bahn:** Recommend adding to the next town board agenda on April 5 for further action. Possible zoning violations may include setbacks, public nuisance and need for conditional use permit based on activities occurring on residentially zoned parcel. All in favor.

**New Business: Various Topics**

- Zoning Administrator Jackson shared a zoning board handbook he had received at a recent seminar
- Additional weight restrictions for some county roads were suggested to be discussed for next year
- Zoning Administrator Jackson will suggest turnouts for emergency vehicles to township residents that have driveways exceeding 500'
- A survey showing the proposed streets and alley closures in Waukau was presented for informational purposes

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 P.M. following a motion by Lee and seconded by Kafer.

Submitted by Nicole Bahn – Recording Secretary