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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

1. Call to Order-Vice Chair Don Jones called the Planning Commission meeting to order. The pledge was said. Attorney Brooke Joos was present in Attorney Henderson's absence.
2. Roll Call-Those present were Josh Jones, Darrell Simonides, Evelyn Propp, Bill Walter, and Chair Don Jones. Shelly Hahn and Dave Bomkamp were absent. A quorum was present.
3. Agenda-Darrell Simonides moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Bill Walter. Motion carried with a voice vote.
4. Citizens Comments-Chairperson Don Jones mentioned an email he received questioning if chickens were permitted in rural residential zoning-the ordinance does not provide for chickens or other animals. Jason Hinschler, 8701 S. Butterfly Road asked about the possibility of purchasing 20 acres from the orchard owned by Schaefer's that is adjacent to his property, leaving approximately 4 acres for the Schaefer's; he would like to combine the 20 acres with his 57 acres. No application has been filed and the owners were not present.
5. Zoning Administrator-Mike Birkholz reported there was a correction to the zoning report that was listed on the agenda- Patricia Newman permit was a pool permit; and there was building permit issued to Prairie Avenue Concrete.
6. Commission Comments-No comments
7. Minutes-Darrell Simonides moved to approve the minutes for May 19, 2010. Seconded by Bill Walter. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Public Hearing-Attorney Joos called the public hearing to order petitioned for by Jacob Ramsey to consider issuance of a conditional use permit to operate a firewood delivery service. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. The public hearing was closed. Jacob Ramsey, 10404 S. Walker Road intention is to operate a weekend firewood delivery business. Jacob presented a spreadsheet he presented to residents in the area to sign either informed and in favor or not informed and in favor (Exhibit A) and a copy of a letter he gave to each resident explaining his proposal (Exhibit B). Commission members stated concerns/conditions of theirs. The existing driveway will be the entrance and exit, equipment will be not left setting out when not in use, hours will be during daylight hours, summer hours will be 7:00 am-7:00 pm, the noise level is to be kept within reason to not be a nuisance, all necessary permits required by other agencies will be obtained

(such as DNR), the conditional use permit will be revisited in 3 years. Chair Don Jones pointed out to all the permit does not run with the property and if not used for 12 months the conditional use can be revoked. Josh Jones moved to approve the conditional use permit for Jacob Ramsey to operate a firewood delivery service. Second by Darrell Simonides. Motion carried with the following roll call vote-Josh Jones-aye, Darrell Simonides-aye, Evelyn Propp-aye, Bill Walter-aye and Chair Don Jones-aye. Chair Don Jones noted he spoke with Commission members that were absent and they were in favor of granted the permit.

8. Unfinished Business-

a. Tall Trees-Coleman Subdivision-This will be carried over.

b. Terrapin Acres-Straub Subdivision-This will be carried over.

c. Lathers Sand & Gravel-There was discussion whether the business was in operation by Lathers or has the business been sold. If sold there are steps that need to be taken-inspect if the conditional use permit is in use, if sold release the current holder of the reclamation bond and obtain bond from new owner. Bill Walter moved to request Attorney Henderson contact the Town Board of Supervisors to see that a letter is sent to Lathers Sand & Gravel asking the status of the business.

d. Storage Unit-I-43 and Hart Road-Chair Don Jones reported Attorney Henderson had researched the possibility of allowing outdoor storage; there is no current zoning district that this would be permitted. City of Beloit allows outdoor storage in M-1 zoning district and screening is required. Bill Walter, Darrell Simonides and Evelyn Propp are not in support of outdoor storage. This will be carried over to July.

e. Barbara Lane-Mike Birkholz reported some work has been done on Barbara Lane.

f. Ordinance Violation-Lester Oldenburg-There had been a complaint for ordinance violations at Lester Oldenburg's property, 7529 S. Lathers Road in October 2009. Mr. Oldenburg was issued a citation for storing construction equipment on his property. This was handled by City of Milton courts at Mr. Oldenburg's request. The courts fined Mr. Oldenburg \$366 to be paid in 60 days (court was June 15, 2010). Darrell Simonides moved to direct Attorney Henderson to work with the Town Board to send a letter to Lester Oldenburg ordering Kris Wood's equipment removed from his property within 30 days; if not removed at that time, Mr. Oldenburg is to be fined \$100.00 a week until he is in compliance. Second by Josh Jones. Motion carried with the following roll call vote-Josh Jones-aye, Darrell Simonides-aye, Evelyn Propp-abstained, Bill Walter-aye and Chair Don Jones-aye. Mr. Oldenburg was given until June 1 to have the other violations corrected (unregistered vehicles, junk debris and animals at large). Josh Jones moved to have Attorney Henderson send a letter to the Town Board requesting Rock County Humane Society investigate the cats(ordinance 14.10-animals at large) on Mr.

Oldenburg's property. Second by Darrell Simonides. Motion carried with the following roll call vote-Josh Jones-aye, Darrell Simonides-aye, Evelyn Propp-abstained, Bill Walter-aye and Chair Don Jones-aye. Chair Don Jones moved to direct Attorney Henderson to draft a letter to the Town Board requesting someone investigate the unregistered vehicles(ordinance 14.04-abandoned and unregistered vehicles) and junk(ordinance 14.07-storage of junk and debris prohibited)on Mr. Oldenburg's property. Second by Evelyn Propp. Motion carried with the following roll call vote-Josh Jones-aye, Darrell Simonides-aye, Evelyn Propp-aye, Bill Walter-aye and Chair Don Jones-aye.

9. New Business-

a. and b. Public hearing was held at 7:15 and acted upon at that time as well.

10. Adjournment-Bill Walter moved to adjourn. Second by Evelyn Propp. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Bennett

Clerk/Treasurer