

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE •

Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Gary Gibson, Robin Leary, Nancy Coffey, James A. Dunning, Dane Zook

Members Absent: Chair Smiar

Ex officio Present:

Staff Present: Rodney J. Eslinger, Matt Michels, Ben Bublitz

1. Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and staff confirmed the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Gibson - Present, Supervisor Leary - Present, Supervisor Coffey - Present, Supervisor Dunning - Present, Supervisor Zook – Present, Chair Smiar –Absent

3. Public Comment (**15 minute maximum**) – None

4. Public Hearings

a. **Proposed Ordinance: File No. 21-22/041** “Amending the 1982 Zoning District Boundary Map for Town of Washington” (Cliff Family Trust & Peter J. Gartmann) / Discussion – Action

Matt Michels, Senior Planner for Eau Claire County, presented the staff report to the committee. He indicated the petitioner is requesting to amend the zoning of the current property from the A-2, (Agricultural-Residential) District to R-H (Rural Homes) District for the purpose of developing a single-family residential subdivision. Mr. Michels gave the location of the proposed site within the Town of Washington. Matt reviewed an aerial map, site plan, the current zoning and planning designations, and adjacent land uses.

Matt reviewed staff findings with the committee and gave his recommendation to approve the rezoning. He noted that the town board met on August 19, 2021, and recommended approval of the request on a vote of 5-0.

Jeremy Skaw, Surveyor with Real Land Survey, spoke in favor of the request and indicated that the development plans are still in the design phase.

John Kempf owns a lot in the Trilogy Subdivision that adjoins the applicant's property. Mr. Kempf inquired whether that an existing tree line on the adjacent property could be preserved through the rezoning process.

No one else spoke in favor or against the request.

ACTION: Motion by Dane Zook to approve Proposed Ordinance: File No. 21-22/041 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote: 5-0-0.

5. Violation Report / Discussion

Ben Bublitz, Land Use Technician, presented the zoning violation report to the committee.

6. Lake Districts / Discussion – Action

Supervisor Zook lead a lake districts discussion with the committee and noted that the lake districts have financial needs to maintain their sediment traps, develop lake management plans, conduct surveys, grant writing, and cover engineering costs. He noted that the counties like Marathon and Washburn have staff in their land conservation department that focus on supporting their lake districts. He mentioned that ARPA funds could be used to support the lake districts in the county as it could qualify as a share project of regional impact. Supervisor Gibson emphasized that county needs to continue to support the lake districts as they are an important resource.

ACTION: The committee did not take any action on this item.

7. Review/Approval of August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes / Discussion – Action

The committee reviewed the August 24, 2021 committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Robin Leary to approve the August 24, 2021 committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote: 5-0-0.

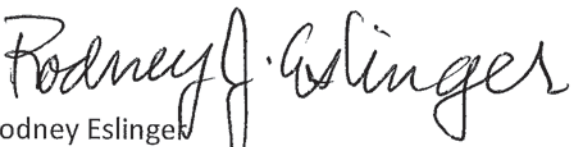
8. Proposed Future Agenda Items / Discussion

- a. Next scheduled meeting – September 28, 2021

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rodney Eslinger
Clerk, Committee on Planning & Development