

MINUTES

Eau Claire County

• PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE •

Date: Tuesday, December 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:

Ex officio Present: Chair Smiar

Staff Present: Rodney J. Eslinger, Matt Michels, Regan Watts, Jared Grande

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 – Present

3. Public Comment (15 minute maximum)

Randy Cliff, property owner, spoke in favor of the Preliminary Plat of Cliff Properties West. He indicated that his family purchased the property in the 90's and that he and his two sisters have been planning to develop the property for some time.

Pete Gartmann, surveyor, also spoke in favor of the Cliff Properties West preliminary plat. Mr. Gartmann stated that the preliminary plat conforms with the State, County, and Town platting requirements.

4. Preliminary for Prill Ridge Acres Plat / Discussion – Action

Jared Grand, Land Use Manger for Eau Claire County, presented a memo to the committee. He stated that the owner and surveyor are requesting an extension of the timeframe to approve the plat to allow them to facilitate a discussion with the City of Altoona officials regarding its exterritorial platting jurisdiction restrictions. Mr. Grande advised the committee to postpone the matter until the January 25th Planning and Development Committee meeting.

ACTION: Motion by James A. Dunning to approve extending the preliminary plat approval period to January 25, 2022, as requested by the owner and surveyor to allow them to meet with the City of Altoona officials. Motion carried on a voice vote: 5-0-0.

5. Preliminary for Cliff Properties West Plat / Discussion – Action

Jared Grande presented the staff report to the committee. He updated the committee on the property background and subdivision details. The committee had several follow up questions for staff. He concluded by recommending conditional approve the preliminary plat subject to the conditions outlined in the staff report.

ACTION: Motion by Robin Leary to conditionally approve the preliminary plat of Cliff Properties West. Motion carried on a roll vote: 5-0-0.

6. Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator 6-month program review / Discussion

Regan Watts, Recycling and Sustainability Coordinator presented her 6-month program review to the committee. She reviewed with the committee her current and future sustainability workplan.

7. Economic development / Discussion

Rod Eslinger, Director of Planning and Development, gave a brief introduction to the committee on the role they may have in the future with economic development while working with the Economic Development Corporation. Luke Hansen, Director of the Eau Claire Economic Development Corporation explained the different levels of services he can offer and how the EDC may assist to support economic development in the rural areas of the county. Several members of the committee expressed concerns that economic development support is lacking in the eastern parts of the county, specifically in Fairchild.

8. Review Eau Claire County Rezoning Process handout / Discussion

Matt Michels, Senior Planner, presented the department's rezoning process to the committee. The committee offered suggestions to improve the document. Staff will work with county administration to schedule this as an oral presentation at a future county board meeting.

9. Code Amendments; File No. 20-21/080, Ch.2.40, File No. 20-21/081, Ch. 2.44 / Discussion – Action

Rod Eslinger presented a brief explanation of the code amendments to Chapters 2.40 and 2.44 and how the changes would impact emergency management and economic development. Mr. Eslinger indicated that he wanted to have a general discussion on the proposed changes and that he'll be bringing the ordinance back in January for a final review.

10. Review/Approval of November 16, 2021, Meeting Minutes / Discussion – Action

The committee reviewed the November 16, 2021, committee meeting minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Dane Zook to approve the November 16, 2021 committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote: 5-0-0.

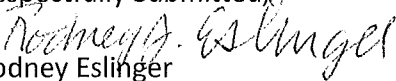
11. Proposed Future Agenda Items / Discussion

- a. Next scheduled meeting – January 25, 2021

12. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rodney Eslinger

Clerk, Committee on Planning & Development