

CALUMET COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING & FARMLAND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
July 12, 2022
THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED

1. Meeting Announcement and Posting

The meeting was properly announced and posted. Chair Hofberger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members present: Kesler, Kleckner, Deiter, Geiser, Hofberger, Ott

Committee Members excused: Budde

Staff Members present for all or part of the meeting: Meuer, Piper, Depies

Others Present: Joseph Levash, Brad Buechel

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited by all.

Kleckner arrived to meeting 8:35

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Deiter and seconded by Geiser to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2022, Committee Meeting

Motion by Deiter and seconded by Kesler to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022, Committee Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Public Participation

None

7. Convene Meeting and Enter Public Hearing

Hofberger convened meeting at 8:31 a.m. and entered in the public hearing.

- a. **Petition 1: Joseph Levash and agent Brad Buechel, on behalf of Richard Levash, Zoning Map Amendment, Section 82-48(f)(2)A Calumet County Zoning Ordinance, Creation of approximate 3.25-acre Agricultural Residential (AR) parcel and rezone of approximately 65 acres from Exclusive Agricultural (EA) to Exclusive Agricultural Preservation (EA-P), Section 14, T20N, R20E, Town of Brillion.** Meuer gave updates to the committee members and staff regarding the Zoning Map Amendment being requested. Levash is requesting to split the original farmstead from the agricultural land to sell the buildings. Meuer indicated that the Town of Brillion had no issues with the Zoning Map Amendment. Levash spoke and gave the history of the land and expressed that he wants to keep as much farmland as possible. The committee had no questions. Staff feels from the petition and corresponding information provided, that the rezone is consistent with both the Town and County Comprehensive Plans, and consistent with the County's Zoning Ordinance for non-farm residential development.

Motion to approve by Deiter, second by Kesler. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Close Public Hearing and Reconvene Regular Meeting

The public hearing was closed at 8:37 a.m. by Hofberger and reconvened to regular meeting

9. Report of Committee Members

a. Reports of Official Meetings Held Since Last Committee Meeting

None

b. Upcoming Events Reported by Committee Members

None

10. Communications

Meuer indicated that he received a letter from the DNR that there would be an air pollution permit application review due to instillation of a biogas plant at the landfill. No action will be needed.

11. Items for Action or Discussion

a. **Discussion- Wisconsin Counties Magazine, Act 55, and the impact of Waupaca County V. Golla and Zeinert.** Meuer reviewed the article that was published in the Wisconsin Counties Magazine. He stated that the case stemmed from an older case where petitioners were suing their counties regarding whether the county can enforce general zoning standards within shoreline zoning authorized under Wis. Stat. 59.692. The public felt we could not enforce. Courts ruled no impact, that they can enforce general zoning standards within that region.

b. The county board is looking for feedback on trends impacting our area. The trends that Meuer is seeing in our area are housing shortages, lack of workforce, level of distrust and hostility in the government/office but once we bring an educational factor to the public it decreases a bit, increase in agricultural land prices, and a decrease in small farms throughout the county. Meuer will share these trends at the next county board meeting.

12. Report of Department

a. Code Administration Update Since Late Committee Meeting

Meuer gave an update on the ARPA POWTS Grant. At the start of June, the office sent out letters to about 200 people within high ground water susceptibility and thin soils. The responses have been good so far. He indicated if a landowner is interested in the program a staff member will meet with them to go over all the details. Meuer talked about the Hazard Waste and Recycling program. There were two events scheduled, one was in New Holstein on June 11th and another July 9th. The July 9th was supposed to be held in Harrison but was cancelled due to Brown County staffing issues. Other options were offered to the residents that were signed up that included they could either sign up for the upcoming Brillion event or go right to the Brown County Recycling location during the month of July to drop off their materials. Meuer indicated that there might be issues for next year due to Brown County staffing concerns. An option that Meuer presented was that the county could purchase a trailer and that we run our own collection event and then transport the hazardous waste to Brown County. If we go that route, we will need two licensed people for handling hazardous waste. Brown County offered to help in any way to get the people licensed. Hofberger would like this subject to be put on next month's agenda to discuss in more detail. Meuer went over the monthly updated sanitary permits and zoning permits. There were no CSMs approved for the month of June.

b. Staff updates

Meuer gave updates on his staff members. Depies, who was in attendance, gave an update on what he has been working on throughout the month.

13. Upcoming Events/Past Events

None

14. Consider Specific Items for Next Meeting Agenda

None

15. Discuss Next Meeting – Proposed – Thursday, August 11, 2022; 8:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

16. Adjournment

Chair Hofberger adjourned the meeting at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Piper
Recording Secretary