

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY**  
**LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**  
**Business Meeting – 4:30 p.m.**  
**Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m. – no items**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Sue McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Green Lake County Courthouse, County Board Room, Green Lake, Wis. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **Eugene Henke, Susan McConnell, Donald Peters, Thomas Traxler, Jr.**

Absent: **Rick Perr**

Also Present: **Al Shute**, County Surveyor/Land Development Director  
**Carole DeCramer**, Committee Secretary  
**Jeff Haase**, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
**Daniel Priske**, County Board Chairman

*Audio of the meeting is available upon request from the Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Department.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Traxler/Henke, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Traxler/Peters, unanimously carried, to approve the February 2, 2011, and February 23, 2011, minutes.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Fox, Town of Green Lake – Stated that a local builder had attended the Town of Green Lake monthly meeting to criticize county zoning. Fox stated that he disagrees with the contractor and respects the county zoning department and committee.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Shute – The date for the planning and zoning and board of adjustment training is May 11<sup>th</sup>. The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, Land Center will send out notices.

**PURCHASES** - None

**CLAIMS**

Claims totaling \$2,670.58 were submitted.

**Motion by Traxler/Peters, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,670.58 for payment.**

## **APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS**

### **Permits/Violations/Budget**

Shute – Discussed the various aspects of the report.

**Motion by Henke/Traxler, unanimously carried, to approve the January, 2011, monthly report.**

### **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

The committee discussed the recent absences of Rick Perr. They were concerned that something may have happened to prevent him from attending the last few meetings. Mr. Priske explained that Mr. Perr has started a new job working the night shift and is unable to attend committee meetings until, possibly, April. Mike Stoddard is the committee alternate and, historically, has not been called to attend a meeting unless there is not a quorum.

**Motion by Traxler/Peters, unanimously carried, the committee voted to move to number 15 on the agenda (General Committee Discussion).**

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

- a. Such other matters as authorized by law**
- b. Future activities**
- c. Discuss Egbert Excavating Conditional Use Permit**

Shute – Summarized what has been happening in regard to Egbert Excavating's conditional use permit. The conditional use permit that was approved for Dan Egbert a year ago is good for one year. Mr. Egbert applied for a land use permit on January 21, 2011, and was told that he still needed to complete the stormwater management condition of his original approval. Mr. Egbert has been attempting to complete this step but expressed frustration with the Land Conservation Department because he was not getting answers in a timely manner. Since the conditional use permit approval has now expired, is it necessary for Mr. Egbert to submit another application for a conditional use permit?

The committee agreed that there is blame on both sides. This should have been taken care of before January 21<sup>st</sup>, when Mr. Egbert applied for the land use permit; however, the committee also agreed that the time it has taken Land Conservation to respond to Mr. Egbert's request is totally unacceptable. Upon Attorney Haase's advice, the committee directed Mr. Traxler to call Mr. Egbert and go to Land Conservation together to find out why this is taking so long. Traxler stated that, from this point on, he wants to know when something like this is occurring that causes undue frustration on the part of the resident.

### **REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF COMMENTS FROM JANUARY 5, 2011, WORKSHOP RELATED TO PROPOSED SHORELAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

Shute compiled comments from the two previous workshops and gave each of the committee members a copy. Attorney Steve Sorenson's comments from the first workshop were discussed. The committee agreed to take home the rest of the comments and read them for further discussion at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **DISCUSSION OF AGRICULTURAL CONVERSION FEES**

Henke – Stated that he is well aware that residents have to pay the State of Wisconsin's mandated agricultural conversion fees in regard to rezoning A-1 parcels. What he is vehemently

against, is the county claiming the same amount for a fee. He listed several Green Lake County residents who would like to rezone but won't because of the expense. The committee discussed how Governor Walker has proposed to do away with the state's conversion fees and agreed that it would be prudent to see what the state does before making a decision on a county level.

**CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATE STATUTE 19.85 (1)(G) CONFERRING WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING LITIGATION, WHICH THE COUNTY IS INVOLVED AND/OR IS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED.**  
**DISCUSSION OF LEGAL ISSUES; REVIEW PENDING VIOLATIONS**  
**THOMAS AND LINDA KLOOSTERBOER, SITE PLAN SUBMITTAL BY BUILDING CONTRACTOR**

**6:38 p.m. Motion by Traxler/Peters, unanimously carried on roll call (4-eyes, 0-nays), to move to closed session per Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, which the County is involved and/or is likely to become involved. (Discussion and review of pending legal issues and violations; Thomas and Linda Kloosterboer, site plan submittal by building contractor)**

**RESUME INTO OPEN SESSION TO DISCUSS FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION**

**7:21 p.m. Motion by Peters/Traxler, unanimously carried on roll call (4-eyes, 0-nays), to resume into open session.**

**Findings:**

**McConnell:**

Assistant Corporation Counsel Haase will contact Attorney Steve Sorenson regarding the status of the proposed site plan as submitted by the contractor, Stan Arnetveit, and report back to the committee.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 23, 2011 – Business Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

April 6, 2011

- Business Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m. – no public hearing items

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by McConnell/Peters, unanimously carried, to adjourn.**

Time: 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by Carole DeCramer, Committee Secretary

**APPROVED ON:**

April 6, 2011