

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY  
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 8, 2011  
Business Meeting – 4:30 p.m. Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair McConnell called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 4:40 p.m. in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: **John Gende, Eugene Henke, Susan McConnell, Don Peters, Thomas Traxler, Jr.**

Absent:

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion by Peters/Gende, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Gende/McConnell, unanimously carried, to approve the August 4, 2011, minutes.**

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**WORKSHOP RELATED TO PROPOSED SHORELAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

In attendance: Jim Hebbe, Dan Bierman, Attorney Steve Sorenson.

Shute went over the timeline that he had prepared and the changes that were made to the proposed ordinance as a result of several DNR reviews. Attorney Sorenson said that he would submit his concerns to Shute prior to the next meeting.

**5:03 p.m. Motion by Peters/Gende, unanimously carried, to seat committee members Traxler and Henke.**

Shute explained to the committee that the DNR voted to extend the deadline for updating the shoreland protection ordinance to February, 2014. The committee agreed that so much time has been spent by staff and the committee and that a public hearing should be scheduled to move the proposed shoreland protection ordinance forward.,

**Motion McConnell/Henke, unanimously carried, to schedule a public hearing for the proposed shoreland protection ordinance for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Shute updated the committee on Landmark Development. They will be removing the sign that was larger than permitted and placing a sign as approved by the Committee with a land use permit.
- Shute gave each of the committee members a copy of an email he received from the county clerk. It pertained to the corporation counsel hours and actual hours spent in the courthouse. It was not clear as to whether or not this department still works with Attorney Haase or if Attorney Selsing is now counsel. Based on a phone conversation with Attorney Selsing, Attorney Haase will continue to be counsel for Land Use Planning and Zoning.

## **PURCHASES** - None

## **CLAIMS**

Claims totaling \$723.87 were submitted.

**Motion by Traxler/Peters, unanimously carried, to approve the claims in the amount of \$723.87 for payment.**

## **APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Shute – Discussed the various aspects of the activity report.

Haase – Reported that there are no updates regarding the violation report.

**Motion by Gende/Traxler, unanimously carried, to remove Radine Benz from the violation report.**

**Motion by McConnell/Traxler, unanimously carried, to approve the July, 2011, monthly reports.**

**6:10 p.m. Five-minute recess.**

## **DEPARTMENT/COMMITTEE ACTIVITY**

### **a. Agricultural Districts**

Shute explained his ideas for the agricultural districts. This will be discussed further at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **b. Wind Energy Ordinance**

Attorney Haase advised that a moratorium can be drafted that would not violate the State Statute. He will draft this for the October meeting.

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

### **a. Such other matters as authorized by law**

### **b. Future activities**

Traxler – Reiterated what exactly will be discussed at the October meeting: (1) the wind energy moratorium, (2) Attorney Haase's research on the comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance and the affect it may have on future zoning ordinance amendments.

## **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED DEPARTMENT CONSOLIDATION WITH LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

Traxler - This committee has made a decision to not consolidate the two departments. Both departments have met the required 3% budget cut.

Peters – I have not had the time to visit Waushara County to talk to them about their consolidation; however, it doesn't really matter because I agree that this is not the time to consolidate.

Henke – I agree that this is not the time.

## **2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The committee discussed the two county plans that have mandatory updates due within the next few years. Shute had inquired with a consultant as to the cost of these projects. It ranged from \$65,000 to \$85,000 for the two plans. Traxler stated that, since these are mandatory updates, he didn't feel that it should be part of the Planning and Zoning budget. Traxler said that he thought the extension office might be a possibility; they may be available to write the plans. This will continue to be discussed.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 6, 2011

Business Meeting - 4:30 p.m.

Public Hearing - 6:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

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

Committee Chair Sue McConnell reconvened the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee at 6:20 p.m. for public hearing items and read the rules of public hearing.

**Item I: Applicant:** Green Lake County Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee

**Explanation:** Request to amend Code of Green Lake County, Chapter 350, Zoning Ordinance, Article XII Fee Schedule. The purpose of the ordinance amendment is to delete existing language pertaining to the agricultural conversion fees.

a) Public Hearing

Roger Sell, W3878 North Road, Town of Manchester – Spoke in favor of the request.

Public hearing closed.

b) Committee Discussion and Deliberation

Traxler – It is clear that the committee wants to abolish the agricultural conversion fees.

c) Committee Decision

**On a motion by Henke/Traxler, unanimously carried on roll call (5-ayes, 0-nays), to recommend approval of the proposed ordinance amendment and forward to County Board for final action.**

d) Execute Determination Form/Ordinance

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Traxler/Henke, unanimously carried, to adjourn.**

Time: 7:10 p.m.

**RECORDED BY**

Carole DeCramer  
Committee Secretary

**APPROVED ON:**

October 6, 2011