

Land Information Committee

The Polk County Land Information Committee met in the East Conference Room- 2nd floor, Polk County Government Center at 12:30 p.m., on December 17th, 2007.

Present: Supervisors O'Connell, Rediske, Holmgren, and Milberg

Absent: Supervisor Peterson (present at 1:13 p.m.)

Also Present: Sara McCurdy, Land Information Director; Gary Spanel, Zoning Administrator

Chairman O'Connell called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. Proper notice was made of the meeting.

Motion (Holmgren/Rediske) to approve the agenda – discussion. **Motion carried.**

Motion (Holmgren/Rediske) to approve the minutes of December 3rd, 2007 -- **Motion carried.**

Public Comment – Curtis Schmidt, Town of Luck, commented on the importance of Town road issues in permits and subdivision plans, and expressed his appreciation of Land & Water Recourses staff at the Board of Adjustment meeting. Keri Finn, Town of Farmington, commented on the Small Wind Energy System Ordinance, and expressed support for the exclusion of wind energy systems in sensitive areas like the Scenic St. Croix River Valley.

Auto Salvage Yards – definition of “operable” – McCurdy presented a new interpretation of auto salvage yards as it pertains to the definition of operable vs. inoperable; inoperable will now mean a vehicle is not able to perform its normal function of being driven down a road. Currently, a vehicle is considered operable if the engine starts, even if the vehicle is without tires, windshield, etc. The internal policy change will take affect January 1, 2008.

- **Motion (Rediske/Milberg)** to adopt the definition of “inoperable” into the Polk County Shoreland Protection Ordinance as it means not able to perform its normal function – **carried.**
- **Motion (Holmgren/Rediske)** that the Land Information Committee supports the new interpretation of “auto salvage yard” as it pertains to the definition of inoperable – **carried by unanimous voice vote.**
- The Committee offered a friendly suggestion to advertise the interpretation change.

Supervisor Peterson joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

Shoreland Ordinance Amendments – Discussion

- **Motion (Rediske/Milberg)** to approve the Draft Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance as amended for public hearing on January 7th, 2008 – **carried.**

Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance – Discussion

- **Motion (Rediske/Peterson)** to require a Special Exception permit within ½ mile of any Polk County State Park – Discussion. Holmgren – No; Rediske – Yes; Milberg – No; Peterson – No; O'Connell – No. **Motion failed.**
- **Motion (Holmgren/Rediske)** to add permit requirement in any area not zoned by a County Zoning Ordinance for consistency with the Telecommunication Towers Ordinance – **carried.**
- **Motion (Peterson/Holmgren)** to approve the Draft Polk County Small Wind Energy System Ordinance for public hearing on January 7th, 2008 – **carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Special Exception Process -- The Committee discussed the current process for hearing Special Exception applicants with Gary Spanel, Zoning Administrator, and Sara McCurdy, Director. The Committee asked the topic to be place on the agenda at the January 21st, 2008 Committee meeting.

Director's Report

- Voucher report. **Motion (Holmgren/Rediske)** to approve the voucher report for the amount of \$7,803.46 – **carried.**
- **Address Correction Project Status**
- **2007 Performance Evaluation Information**

***2007 Budget Carry Forward** – Discussion about Address Correction Project, and the request to carry left over funds in line item 101-24-56413-997 for the continuation of that project.

- **Motion (Rediske/Peterson)** to carry address correction project funds forward to 2008 budget – Discussion

- **Motion to Amend (Holmgren/Milberg)** to support the effort of the address correction project, yet instead of a direct carry forward, procedurally place the dollars back into the contingency fund, then reallocate the dollars to the 2008 budget – Discussion. Holmgren – Yes; Rediske – No; Milberg – Yes; Peterson – No; O’Connell – No. **Amendment failed.**
- **Original Motion** – Holmgren – No; Rediske – Yes; Milberg – No; Peterson – Yes; O’Connell – Yes. **Original Motion carried.**

Committee Observances

Motion (Holmgren/Rediske) to adjourn. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 7th, 2008 at 12:30 p.m. in the East Conference Room – 2nd floor, Polk County Government Center, Balsam Lake, WI.