

# Menominee County Zoning Committee

## Virtual Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 12, 2021

### Public Hearing

1. *Call to Order. Roll Call.* Meeting called to Order by Liz Fernandez at 5:00 p.m. Beth Moses and Eva Johnson are also present. Jeremy Johnson, Lisa Wilson, Stan Wilson, Rebecca Smith, and Mike Walbrun also present.
2. *Conditional use permit request from DeBauch at W2267 Joe Summers Road.* Mr. Johnson describes the request. Mr. DeBauch explains why he needs the conditional use permit request. The committee asks a few questions of Mr. DeBauch.
3. *Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments.* Mr. Johnson describes the proposed amendments. A letter of concern was submitted by Kent Sussex related to the placement of garages on vacant lots. Ms. Smith describes her concern over an abundance of new garages going up on many offshore vacant lots. Ms. Wilson voices her concern in a similar manner. Mr. Wilson states a similar feeling. Mr. Walbrun has concern as well over new garages going up on vacant lots. He also states that there should be a limit to how many can be placed by an owner with many lots of ownership. Mr. Johnson states that he has also heard from many other property owners that are in favor of this type of allowance. It was suggested that a spatial limitation be put on to any allowance of garages on lots without a home; in regards to the distance the lot for the new garage can be from the home. The Legend Lake Property Owners Association currently limits it to properties within 3 lots of the home. Mr. Johnson suggests that maybe  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile may make sense for a restriction.

### Business agenda

1. *Approval of meeting minutes from March 8, 2021.* Ms. Johnson motions to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Ms. Moses. All in favor, motion passes.
2. *Conditional use permit request from DeBauch at W2267 Joe Summers Road.* Ms. Johnson motions to approve the permit request, Ms. Moses seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passes.
3. *Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments.* There is some discussion on the questions raised during the public hearing. Ms. Moses motions to send it back to the County Board for further review, with the suggestion of considering a spatial restriction in the allowance of garages on lots in the absence of a principal structure, motion seconded by Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson asks Mr. Johnson to include examples of how far  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile are on a map for visual help on the matter. All in favor, motion passes.
4. *Electronic permitting system.* Mr. Johnson describes the potential to obtain new permitting software through a Land Information grant through Ruth Winter's office.

The company is Transcendent and the initial cost that the grant would pay is \$21,000. There are also annual maintenance and hosting fees of \$4,000. Mr. Johnson briefly describes some benefits that this program would afford the county. Ms. Moses asks for more information on the benefits that we would receive from this type of system. There is some additional discussion on the topic. Mr. Johnson will gather more information for the next meeting.

5. *Next meeting time and agenda items.* The next meeting will be May 10, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Agenda items are zoning ordinance amendments, electronic permitting system, and an update on the dilapidated properties listing.
6. *Adjournment.* Meeting is adjourned at 5:40 p.m.