

Menominee County Zoning Committee
Monday, April 6, 2020
Meeting Minutes

1. *Call to order and roll call.* Misty W. calls the meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. Committee members present: Liz Arnold, Beth Moses and Misty Wayka. Also present are Zoning Administrator Jeremy Johnson, Corporation Counsel Terry Bouressa, Sheriff Rebecca Smith, and Guy DeGroot.
2. *Approval of meeting minutes from March 9, 2020.* The date on this meeting agenda reads 2019 and should be changed to 2020. Jeremy will change that. Liz motions to approve minutes, Beth seconds. All in favor, motion passes.
3. *Community input.* Jeremy states that he has had some community members show interest in having chickens as an allowed use in residential districts. The committee agrees that this is worth consideration. Jeremy will work on language for the Ordinance.
4. *N1243 Spirit Island Trail Recreational Vehicle complaint.* Jeremy describes the complaint that was received. Mr. DeGroot is asked to tell the committee why they placed their RV onsite, which he does. There is a consensus that this committee doesn't have the authority to authorized this activity that is not permissible in Section 8.5 of the Ordinance. This may need to go to the Board of Adjustments by variance request. Beth motions to have the owner submit their reasons for the non-permissible activity on this property, Liz seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passes.
5. *Zoning Ordinance amendment for camping – Section 8.5.* Jeremy describes another issue that has arisen with campers and storage. There are deadlines that many of the storage companies have to remove campers. One has come to Jeremy's attention on Old South Branch Road. The main owner has passed away and the owners of stored campers there have been notified to remove campers from the site by May 1. This could become an issue if the Safer at Home Order and public health emergency are still in place into May.
6. *Home vacation rentals.* Jeremy mentions that some residents have showed concern over vacation rentals. Online sites like VRBO and Airbnb make it quite easy to rent homes and cottages. The concerns relate to possible lack of care from renters since they have no ownership of the home, site, or area in general. Another concern is that heavy use of the septic system can lead to early failure and health hazards. The committee agrees that some regulations may be in order. Jeremy will prepare some language to bring to the committee.
7. *Adjournment.* Meeting is adjourned at 10:08 a.m.