

**Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Committee  
Thursday, August 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.  
Land Resource Center Meeting Room**

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Saal at 9:00 p.m. in the Lincoln County Zoning Office. Members present: Saal, Meyer, Rusch, Mittelsteadt and Short along with Dan Miller; Zoning Administrator, Dan Bowers; Zoning Specialist and June Winters; Program Assistant. The Committee had previously (August 9<sup>th</sup>) toured the site of the request so they proceeded with the Public Hearing.
2. 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing (See public hearing notice) – Hearing was held on the item listed in the notice. Hearing called to order by Chairman Saal. Saal, Mittelsteadt, Meyer, Rusch and Short along with Dan Miller, Dan Bowers, Mary Heedrick; Court Reporter, June Winters and 3others were present.
3. Discussion by the Planning and Zoning Committee and Decision on the Conditional Use request which was the subjects of the Public Hearing.

**CONDITIONAL USE**

1. A request by Ronald Van Dusen and Tomahawk Race Way Inc. to authorize motorcycle races during Harley Weekend and snowmobile races in the winter at the Tomahawk Speedway. The property is located in part of Section 14, T35N-R6E, in the town of Bradley; having a tax parcel number of 04.143506.010.002.00.00 and an address of N11046 County Rd A. The request is being heard under section 17.3.04(10) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Ronald Van Dusen was present to support his request. He explained and clarified his request. He has been approached by a snowmobile racing organization (USSA – the same organization that races in Eagle River) to possibly hold snowmobile races at Tomahawk in the winter. He knows that this has been a real big draw for the Eagle River area and was hoping to develop into a benefit for our area. He is also requesting to have motorcycle racing during the Tomahawk Fall Ride. Van Dusen said that they will have auto racing that weekend and he was hoping to incorporate a motor cycle race into it. Miller asked what type of organization and race it would be. Van Dusen didn't have the name of an organization. He said he didn't believe it was even Harleys in the race but more of a group of 10-20 guys that put on more of a show that includes racing the bikes. Miller asked about the emergency services required. Van Dusen said that would be required for any race. Miller discussed limiting the hours of the snowmobile races. Van Dusen said that the hours requested were what was recommended by the snowmobile association. The motorcycle race would be within the time approved for the automobile races that will be taking place that weekend. Van Dusen thought only about an hour would be needed for the motorcycle race. Van Dusen stated that the town had recommended revisiting the request in 3 years so that if there are any problems they will be addressed at that time. The committee discussed the noise issue and didn't think that the additional noise on Harley Weekend would be a problem and in the winter for the snowmobile races the noise should be less of a problem than the regular automobile races in the summer due to the snow and people having their windows closed. Van Dusen said that for the winter races the track is lined with hay bales and that would be an additional noise buffer.

Harry Gladwin was present from the town of Bradley Plan Commission. He reviewed the township approval for the motorcycle race during the Harley Fall Ride weekend for two days between 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and five snowmobile races (2 days each) between 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday during the winter. It was approved on a three-year trial basis. If no problems the approval will continue without any additional fee. He stated that there was no one present at their meeting in opposition to the request. Saal asked for clarification for what the town is requesting for review in 3 years. Saal said that they may make a recommendation that the request come back before the committee in 3 years and they would ask the town for input at that time. There was discussion on the length of time before he be required to come back before the township and the committee. Mittelsteadt questioned putting off the review for three years especially if there

were problems before then. Miller stated that if there were a number of complaints or problems the applicant could be brought before the committee for a revocation hearing so there is protection that way also.

Chairman Saal read into record the unanimous approval from the Town of Bradley's August 13, 2007 meeting referencing the conditions that Mr. Gladwin had mentioned. Chairman Saal closed the public hearing for the Conditional Use request.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Short to APPROVE ON CONDITION. CONDITIONS:

- 1) All of the conditions imposed by the Committee on CUP-07-006 shall still apply.
- 2) To hold five wintertime snowmobile races (2 days each) between 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.
- 3) To hold a motorcycle race during the Harley Fall Ride weekend for two days between 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- 4) That this request be revisited in 3 years from this month (at no additional fee to the applicant) to see if there have been any problems or issues that need to be addressed.

Motion carried all ayes.

At 9:35 a.m. Saal requested a 10 minute break. Meeting resumed at 9:45 a.m.

4. Approval of 2008 Budget – Miller reviewed the changes that had been made since the last discussion. It would be at a 1.96% increase over last year's budget. There was discussion on the proposed budget and the proposal of raising a portion of the fees for this budget year and possibly raising other fees for the next year. Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Rusch to approve the proposed 2008 Budget for the Zoning Department. There was more discussion on the hardship being created for the counties by the budget cap. Motion carried all ayes. The committee signed the proposed budget for submission to the Finance Department.
5. Adjourn - Motion by Mittelsteadt, seconded by Saal to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Motion carried all ayes.