

Lincoln County Planning and Zoning Committee
Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 2:30 p.m.
Lincoln County Service Center, Meeting Room 156

1. Call Meeting to Order - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Saal at 2:30 p.m. in meeting room 156 in the Lincoln County Service Center. Members present: Saal, Nelson, Bailey, Pike & Rusch, along with Diane Hanson, Land Services Administrator; Dan Bowers, Zoning Program Manager; June Winters, Program Assistant and 6 others.
2. Approval of the July 11, 2013 meeting minutes – Motion by Nelson, seconded by Saal to approve the July 11, 2013 minutes. Motion carried all ayes.
3. Public Comment – Earl Welker, Plan Commission with the Town of Schley, was present and shared with the Committee the form that the Plan Commission uses acknowledging town action on requests that go before the Zoning Committee. He felt it gave the Zoning Committee all the information from the township that is required.
4. 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing – At 2:33 p.m. the Public Hearing was called to order. Hearing was held on the item listed in the notice.

Chairman Saal explained the rules of conduct for public hearings and introduced the Committee members.

PETITION FOR REZONING

1. A request by Paul and Gail Closser to rezone approximately 20 acres from an Agriculture zoning district to a Rural Lands 4 zoning district to allow for the property to be further subdivided. The property is located in the NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ of Section 31, T32N-R8E, in the Town of Schley, having addresses of N2680 County Road G and W2477 Altenburger Drive. The tax parcel number is 22.313208.010.003.00.00.

The applicants were not in attendance. Earl Welker, Town of Schley Plan Commission, was present and said the request had approval at both the Plan Commission (7/18/13) & Town Board (8/6/13) meetings. There is adjoining property zoned RL4 so this would just be an extension of that zoning district. He presented the Committee with Town of Schley Resolution R-2013.8.6, and the township approval form. Saal noted that the Plan Commission approval vote was 4-0 and the Town Board approval vote was 3-0 with no conditions.

Bowers said that the staff report recommended approval of the request. Saal closed the public hearing for the Rezone request.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pike to APPROVE the Closser rezone request and forward to County Board for the August 20, 2013 meeting. Motion carried all ayes.

5. Department Report - The Committee reviewed & discussed some of the items on the Compliance report. Bailey had questions on the violation in the Town of Harrison. Hanson reviewed the issue.

The Committee reviewed the financial report and put it on file.

Hanson shared that they had an informational meeting for the Shoreland Ordinance re-write in Merrill (7/31/13). The informational meeting was held in Tomahawk. (8/7/13) at the Bradley Town Hall. There were approximately 45 in attendance between the 2 meetings. She reviewed some comments that had been received. There was discussion on the public's response to the changes.

6. Presentation on Coordination by Verhulst – per John Bailey – Jay Verhulst, The Foundation for Common Sense, Inc., gave each of the Committee members a booklet titled “Coordination – A Strategy for the Resolution of Conflict Between Units of Government”. Verhulst then presented information to the Committee regarding Coordination and how Coordination works between different levels of government. Verhulst answered the questions that the Committee asked. Bailey shared that the Town of Harrison currently subscribes to the Coordination strategy. He feels that it improves the process and that Coordination is a valuable tool in that process.
7. Confirm next meeting/public hearing date – Tentatively September 12, 2013 – Date confirmed. Meeting time is to be determined.
8. Adjourn - Motion by Rusch, seconded by Bailey to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried all ayes.

Minutes prepared by June Winters