

Planning Commission Meeting

Oct. 6th, 2016

7:00 pm Community Center

Commission Members:

Janice Olson, Susan Keachie, Joni Vaughn, Jackie Eid and Larry Chernoff.

Members of the Public: Max Taubert, Nancy and Phil Moye, Mark Wanvig, David Paulson, Ray Kiewit, Shirley Huusko, Dennis Edwards, Linda Barnes, Judy Shilthelm

Minutes: Larry made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting, Jackie 2nd. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Permit Review:

Max Taubert applied to Bayfield County for a variance to split his property on Superior Ave. and Hwy 13 into 2 lots. The variance would create one standard lot and one substandard commercial lot. The substandard lot created where the motel currently sits would be 1057 sq. ft. short of it being a conforming lot. The situation was created when Hwy. 13 was improved and took area away from the existing parcel. Without the right of way the lot division would have adequate square footage. This created a hardship in splitting the lot for Max that he did not create

Susan made a motion that the Plan Commission recommend that the Town Board approve the request for a variance to create the non-conforming lot. Larry 2nd and all commissioners were in favor.

*See attachments provided by Max Taubert.

Shirley and Charles Huusko have applied to Bayfield County for a permit to locate multiple dwellings on a parcel that cannot be subdivided. They wish to add a residence for their son who is a 100% disabled veteran. The parcel is located on Lost Creek Rd. on Roman Point. They would like to place a double wide mobile home on to the property as a residence for their son. It would have its own septic system. Several members of the public contributed to the discussion. There were questions about the actual size of the lot and the congestion on that road in the summer from the public access to Lost Creek and Lake Superior. Larry felt that approving the request would set a precedent for other areas in the Town. Jackie agreed. Joni asked Shirley if they had any other options such as adding on to the current residence. Susan suggested that they may be able to purchase another parcel in town or close to the Huusko's that might be a better solution to their goal of bringing their son closer to them. Joni also asked Shirley if there were other options that they might be considering.

Jackie made a motion that the Plan Commission recommends that the Town Board deny the Huusko permit request for multiple dwellings on a parcel that cannot be subdivided. Bayfield County zoning code allows for a single residence in an R1 zoning district. The Plan Commission believes that approval of this permit request would set a precedent that would be contrary to the goals of the Land Use Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

Susan 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

*See attachment of issues presented by Phil Moye.

Note: All members of the commission felt that the references to John French issues on Lost Creek Rd. were not relevant to consideration of this permit.

Sign Permit Criteria

Continuing discussion of establishing sign permit criteria was tabled until the next meeting. Susan had begun to outline some issues that might be addressed and handed them out to the other commissioners for consideration.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

There will not be a November meeting unless the Plan Commission receives permit requests to review. Janice will update before the November meeting date.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keachie
Secretary