

Planning Commission Meeting  
April 9th, 2015  
7:00 pm Community Center

Commission Members:  
Matt Lazorik, Susan Keachie, Larry Chernoff, Joni Vaughan

Members of the Public present: Judy Kerr

Also present: Jenny Murphy, Assistant Zoning Director, Bayfield County Zoning Dept.

The Minutes for the Marc meeting were read. Larry made a motion to approve, Joni 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Minutes were approved..

No Correspondence or Updates

### **Special Use Permit Class A – Short Term Rentals**

Jenny Murphy was in attendance to discuss the Town/Planning Commission is using to approve or disapprove citizen requests for Short Term Rental Permits. The Permit request made by Roger and Nancy Lindgren was denied by the Town based on the criteria established in July of 2011 setting the condition of approval by all adjacent property owners for the Town to approve the permit. One of the owners adjacent to the Lindgren property responded that they did not want the permit approved and as a result the permit was denied by the Town on the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Lindgren's are reapplying under the Class B Permitting process which puts the request in front of Bayfield County Zoning Committee for review. Jenny was looking for the reason that the permit was denied by the Town as it was not stated in the Town's response.

Jenny indicated that there could be legal objections to arbitrary denials and that all criteria should be backed up by references to the Comprehensive Plan. This would apply to all permit requests coming before the Town. In essence she explained that the Short Term Rental in a Residential Zoning District is still a residential use and that the rights of the property owner requesting that permit need to be protected along with those of neighboring properties. She also suggested that each permit application be reviewed on an individual basis.

After discussion it was determined that the Planning Commission should revise the language of the Permit and Variance Application Criteria for Approval or Disapproval.

Susan made a motion to revise the Conditions listed in this document as follows:

Condition 1. shall read:

- 1. Any support or objection to the Permit Application by adjacent property owners will be considered by the Town in the decision to approve or deny the Permit.**

Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.

A copy of the revised **Permit and Variance Application Criteria for Approval or Disapproval** will be attached to these Minutes.

In consideration of this revision, Commissioner discussed reconsideration of the Lindgren permit application.

Matt made a motion that the Town Board review the Lindgren short term Class A Permit application in consideration of recent changes to the Criteria for Approval or Denial. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion was approved. Matt will get the review on the Agenda for the April 21st Town Board Meeting.

This was Matt's last meeting as Chairman of the Planning Commission and all Commissioners extended thanks for his leadership.

Joni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

**The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be Thursday May 7th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Keachie  
Secretary