

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Land Use Committee (Zoning) Public Hearing

Date of Meeting: Friday, January 6, 2023

Members Present: Dwight Ruff, Steven Nelson, Gary Stanton, Max Weiss, Mike Taylor.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Max Weiss at 9:05am.

Mr. Golden read the notice of public hearing. Golden outlined Lonnie Lund rezone application. Mr. Gary Stanton- motion to approve the rezone. Mr. Dwight Ruff seconded the motion. Carried.

Public Testimony: none

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Ruff at 9:11am. Hearing adjourned.

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Minutes: Mr. Dwight Ruff motioned to accept as written, Mr. Mike Taylor 2nd. Carried.

Gilmanton abandoned house: Discussion was held regarding the house lead by Gilmanton Town Chair, Jamey Davis. Plenty of time was given to remove possessions and tear down house. A phone contact was made a month ago regarding efforts to clean out. It could be a possibility to practice burning of house, it will need to be tested for asbestos. Discussion held about tearing it

down. Schultz came and testified regarding how it is used for storage and its all he's got left. Schultz discussed house is locked front and back, no trespassing signs posted, and he wants to continue using it for storage. Dwight discussed how letters were sent and no action was taken on moving forward. Schultz also described the hardships of not being able to take it down, can't afford storage, financial hardships are keeping them from cleaning up property. Schultz has not gotten tax return for 2 years and can't afford to have it torn down for 10-12k. House sits on 2 ½ acres, asked about keeping house for storage which is not allowed in ordinance. Max talked about 2-months to get belongings out and get house torn down. Dwight motion to grant 2-months to get belongings moved out and bids on tearing house down. Keep in communication with Briar. Mike Taylor 2nd motion. Carried.

Land Use Plan- reach out to all townships regarding the present-day validity of the plan, include Waumandee and Montana.

Directors update- Mr. Severson spoke on new staff, Brock Lederman starting as the zoning technician. He updated the Committee on the Modena abandoned house, and the Bob Fort notice of non-compliance.

Surveyors Report- Mr. Jasperson spoke about updating remonumentation for Milton and the progress that has been made.

GIS/LIO update-WLIP grant approved, based budget will come by April, WG Xtreme getting updated, survey/tiesheets links working again. Working with orthoimagery and other programs.

Chairpersons Report-Mr. Max Weiss stated Land Information Council needs a staff to replace Lee.

Next Meeting date and time: February 3rd 9am.

Public Comments: Mr. Steve Nelson spoke on snowmobile trails and issues with MFL and access. Tina spoke on WCA trying to get multiple identity Legislation on MFL sign-up. Buffalo County can charge a fee for outfitters license and wondering how many are in the county.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Taylor at 10:57am. Second by Mr. Ruff. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cale Severson, Director/County Conservationist, Land Management Department