

**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
LAND USE PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, December 7, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Planning & Zoning Chair Curt Talma called the meeting of the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee to order at 9:00AM in the Green Lake County Government Center, County Board Room #0902, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. Public access was available via remote programming as well as in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: **Bill Boutwell, Harley Reabe, Curt Talma, Chuck Buss, Gene Thom**

Absent: **None**

Also Present: **Matt Kirkman**, Land Use Planning and Zoning Director; **Karissa Block**, Deputy County Clerk; **Noah Brown**, Land Use Specialist; **Maxwell Richards**, Land Use Specialist; **Jeff Mann**, Corporation Counsel; **Ken Stephani**, Finance Director; **Ryan Schinke**, Land Use Coordinator/Technician; **Cate Wylie**, County Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell) to approve the minutes of the 11/02/2023 meeting. Motion carried with no negative vote.

DISCUSSION RELATED TO POWTS

Green Lake County will pull back POWTS maintenance authority from the Green Lake Sanitary District. The County will now include all of the POWTS systems within the GLSD in their POWTS maintenance program. However, the county still holds a strong relationship with the district. Letters will be sent out to residents in the district explaining the updates with the POWTS in the near future.

DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORTS

- Financial Reports
 - Kirkman reviewed and discussed the report
- Land Use & Septic Permits
 - Kirkman reviewed and discussed the report.
 - Kirkman pointed out the comparison with last year and this year was added as asked by the committee.
- Violation Reports, Sanitary Permits, and POWTS
 - Kirkman reviewed and discussed the report

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTE LIMIT)

-None

SOLAR PANEL ZONING PRESENTATION

Noah Brown presented

PUBLIC HEARING – 9:30AM

Chair Talma read the rules for the Public Hearing

Item #1: Applicants: Green Lake County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee **Request:** The committee is requesting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan's Farmland Preservation Plan Map affecting the Towns of Brooklyn, Green Lake, Marquette, Mackford & Manchester.

Motion/second (Buss/Thom) to approve the Comprehensive Plan's Farmland Preservation Plan Map and to forward it to County Board. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Item #2: Applicants: Green Lake County Land Use Planning & Zoning Committee **Request:** The committee is requesting an amendment to Chapter 350, Zoning Ordinance of the Code of Green Lake County, to amend the zoning map affecting the Towns of Brooklyn, Green Lake, Marquette, Mackford & Manchester

Motion/second (Thom/Boutwell) to approve the amendment of the zoning map. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Item #3: Owners: Ricky and Ashley Ruck, **Location:** N2730 Welk Road, **Parcel:** 006-00581-0101. **Legal Description:** Part of Lot 2 of CSM 3700, located in Section 31, T15N, R13E, 8 acres. **Request:** The owners are requesting to rezone 1.0 acres from R1, single-family residence district to C2, Extensive Commercial district.

- Jack Goes at W2154 Melmar Dr. is a property owner 700ft from the log cutting business. Goes shared his frustration with the surroundings coming from the log cutting.
- Ashley Ruck (owner) shared the benefits of her firewood company such as, extra income for her and her family, and creating the space to build one day.
- Chad Krueger at W2200 County Rd H and O shared he feels the big trucks are driving to close to his home. Krueger does not feel his children and dogs are safe outside while the log cutting trucks are coming and going.
- Robert Strelow at W2184 Melmar Dr. believes the company has too many violations to allow item #3 to move forward.
- Jean Strelow at W2184 Melmar Dr. is concerned about what this business could be doing to the lake. Strelow feels this business is giving a negative impact to the neighbors. Strelow would not like to see this request be passed.

Motion/second (Reabe/Boutwell) to indefinitely postpone action on this item. Motion carried with no negative vote.

Item #4: Owners: Ricky and Ashley Ruck, **Location:** N2730 Welk Road, **Parcel:** 006-00581-0101. **Legal Description:** Part of Lot 2 of CSM 3700, located in Section 31, T15N, R13E, 8 acres. **Request:** Conditional Use Permit to process, store, and sell firewood.

Motion/second (Thom/Reabe) to indefinitely postpone action on this item. Motion carried with no negative vote.

SOLAR PANEL ZONING PRESENTATION CONTINUED

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- a. No January meeting due to lack of Public Hearing items
- b. Next meeting date – February 1, 2024 @ 9:00AM
- c. Future agenda items for action & discussion

ADJOURN

Chair Talma adjourned the meeting at 10:15AM

Respectfully submitted,

Karissa Block

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Deputy County Clerk**