

Springfield Plan Commission Meeting
Springfield Town Hall
Monday, August 5, 2013

Call to order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Jeff Gabrysiak. Scott Laufenberg, Steve Resan, Jim Pulvermacher, Karen Crook and Elliott Long and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Jan Barman were present. Jeff Endres excused absence. Also present: Jeannie & Rich Wipperfurth. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Deputy Clerk Barman reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, and Schneider Road Business Center on Schneider Rd and website.

Minutes for July 1, 2013

Motion (Pulvermacher/Crook) to approve the July 1, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Public Comment Time: None

Rich and Jeannie Wipperfurth, dba JAR Express, 6434 State Hwy 19, Sec 12 would like to add 2 storage buildings with 84 units with an option to extend these buildings on their property. Rich and Jeannie presented plans with the project broken down in phases 1, 2 and 3. They would be looking to build phases 1 and 2 now, with phase 3 in the future. Jim gave the commission a little history on this property, this is the 6th time they have come before the commission to modify this area.

Storm water needs improvement, especially the driveway project and an erosion control plan.

They will need to have the doors on the building closest to Hwy 19 facing north, no doors are allowed to face the main road to the south. This precedent has been set with 3 other storage unit buildings and in fairness to all this precedent will be followed, also two-tone buildings, brick façade, lighting, signage, landscaping and fencing/screening plans are needed. Wipperfurths submitted a new plan to MSA the day of the meeting and they did not have time to review and get comments to us before the meeting.

Motion (Pulvermacher/Laufenberg) to table this request until the September meeting. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Changes to CO-1 Conservancy and creation of A-Ba Transitional Agriculture-Business District – Dane County Ordinance, Chapter 10. The commission discussed the information presented, this is an ordinance change that is going thru the system, as these changes need to be made by the end of the year for the Farmland Preservation Credit that has had a major overhaul. Any comments should be sent

to Majid Allan at Dane County by the end of August. One concern that Elliott expressed is that grazing is not good for areas that have trees as the animals pack the area around the trees and the oxygen can not get thru and the roots die. Jim said that wood lots were prohibited from grazing but now they found out that the grazing kept the invasive trees and plants down. If not large animals, goats and sheep would be good grazers.

Communications/Announcements

Jan reminded the commission that our next meeting would be September 9th as the 2nd is Labor Day.

Jim – mentioned that the board would be discussing the RAMO storage project at their meeting on August 6th. Some items have not been followed from the site design that they submitted and was approved by the town. Jim was wondering who should be checking out if the parties are following the plans submitted, should it be the commission, board or MSA?

DCTA (Dane County Town Assn) will be discussing the bill that has been submitted on the liability limits for stray voltage. Public money pays for these liability lawsuits and some lawmakers are now saying that the amount paid should be limited. This could mean that farms would go out of business as they would not be able to recapture the money they lost to stray voltage.

Jeff explained that there are many limits for liability for public entities, one example is the UW Hospital Doctors can only be sued for \$250,000, other hospitals no limit.

Elliott – there are documents on stray voltage and how it effects animals but humans are not effected. He is against limiting liability.

Adjourn

Motion (Resan/Long) to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Jan Barman
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer