



Richland County Zoning & Land Information

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Minutes of the Richland County Zoning & Land Information Committee Monday, February 3rd, 2020

Item #1 CALL TO ORDER The Zoning & Land Information Committee meeting was called to order by at 3:00 pm by Chairman Gary Peters. Those that were present or signed up to speak were Marc Couey, Jayme Walsh, Steve Williamson, Jim Hoffman, JoEllen Rott, Melissa Luck, Pamela Burke, Rick Van Domelen, Marvin Buroker, Richard Wastlick, Mike Bindl, with Cheryl Dull with taking minutes.

Item #2 APPROVE AGENDA AND PUBLICATION Mike stated it had been posted in the paper 2 weeks and on the bulletin board at the Courthouse. Hearing no correction Gary declared the agenda approved. Motion carried.

Item #3 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETINGS Moved by Jayme to approve the minutes of the previous meetings, 2nd by Marc. Motion carried.

Item #4 TO HEAR A PETITION OF TOWN OF DAYTON TO REZONE 1.67 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL FORESTRY TO COMMERCIAL IN SECTION 14, TOWN OF DAYTON Richard Wastlick, Township Chairman, is present to represent the petition. The Township plans to build a new building and when they got the completed survey, they discovered they did not own as much as they thought they did. They will be acquiring land from 2 neighbors. The parcel has existed since prior to the date of zoning so they are rezoning the parcel to what it currently should be. The Township has approved the rezone. Moved by Steve to approve the rezone and send to County Board on February 18th, 2nd by Marc. Motion carried

Item #5 TO HEAR A PETITION OF LARRY HACH AND JEFF LAMONT TO REZONE 25 ACRES FROM AGRICULTURAL FORESTRY TO AGRICULTURAL-RESIDENTIAL AND 2.75 ACRES TO RESIDENTIAL-2 IN SECTION 25, TOWN OF RICHWOOD Larry Hach is present to represent the petition. They are buying land from his father-in-law and want to rezone it. Also there will be a small part being sold to a neighbor that will be rezoned at the same time. The Township has approved the rezone. Moved by Jim to approve the rezone petition and sent to County Board on February 18th, 2nd by Jayme. Motion carried.

Item #6 ORDINANCE ON PROHIBITING BREEDING ANIMALS FOR RESEARCH Mike addressed the committee stating Linda Gentes asked to have it on the agenda but she is not here to explain why she wanted it on her agenda. He added that Sauk County has this going on in their County and the City of Richland Center has recently passed an Ordinance for the City. Rick Van Domelen – From Dane County; a Staff Vet for Ridgelan Farms. They raise beagles for research, which includes vaccinations to be used on your pets. He wants to know what the necessity is to have an Ordinance against this when there is very few in the Country? Is this to ban research completely? Do we need a law that will be difficult to enforce? Jim Hoffman asked if they had approached the city council concerning their Ordinance? Rick stated no. They didn't know it was on their agenda. He just found out that it was on our Zoning agenda and felt the need to attend.

Jayme Walsh asked if he could stay until after the meeting to answer any questions.

Rick stated their facility has existed since 1966 and they have approximately 3000 dog in it. They (we) are mandated by USDA and the FDA to test on animals for certain items prior to using on humans. Their



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animals are only used for testing purposes. They are not sold after research and they do not buy animals from puppy mills.

Jim ask if they have dealt with the Amish as breeders.

Rick stated no. They use contracted companies only that must be USDA class A breeders.

Melissa Luck – She thinks it is very important that we be thoughtful about this decision. We need these tests to be completed for our future health of our families and our pets. The USDA mandates animal research and monitors it very closely. These animals are in a very controlled environment and these are not strays taken in. If we are going to monitor anything, we need to monitor the puppy mills, which is not what these animals are.

Pamela Burke – Green County; She explained the definition of a puppy mill, which these are not. Anything passed by the USDA has be tested on animals first and they must be controlled animals.

Mike Bindl – It was dropped off in Zoning office by a County Board member who requested it be put on the agenda. She isn't here to explain why she wanted it on the agenda or what she expected the committee to do with her request.

Gary moved to table until the committee feels there is more information to discuss it further.

Gary rescinded his motion.

Jayme made the motion to deny the Ordinance, 2nd by Gary. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 PAY BILLS Nothing to pay.

Item #8 ADJOURN Next regular meeting Monday, March 2nd @ 3:00 pm. Motion to adjourn by Marc at 3:35 p.m., 2nd by Jim. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Dull