

Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Courthouse County Board Room 101; 126 Cherry St; Phillips, WI 54555

Call to order and Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Alan Barkstrom, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Paula Houdek, Robert Kopisch, Mark Kyle, Dennis Wartgow, Rick Morgan (UW-Extension). Absent: Don Onchuck (Land Conservation). Also present: Nick Trimner, Evan Lund, Art Lersch.

Nick reviewed process for anyone attending electronically.

Zoning – Evan Lund

1. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call as noted above. Also present: Amanda McMeekin.
2. Communications and Public Comment: None.

Public Hearing:

3. Public hearing declared open at 9:01 a.m. for the Conditional Use permit filed by Edward Busby for the purpose of renting a home on a short-term basis on property located within part of Section 5, Township 40N, Range 1W, Lot 9 Block 1 part of Lot 8 Block 1 of the Butternut Lake Subdivision, Town of Lake (N16574 Lakeshore Drive): Amanda reviewed the list of notices sent. Communications against from Frank Shires and Michael McMahon. Hearing declared closed at 9:05 a.m.
4. Decision on Conditional Use Permit filed by Edward Busby: Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to approve the conditional use permit filed by Edward Busby. Motion carried.
5. Decision on Special Exemption Permit filed by Randy Zoesch (Redemption Ranch LLC) (postponed from January 21, 2021 meeting): Motion Kopisch/Kyle to approve the special exemption permit filed by Randy Zoesch (Redemption Ranch LLC). Motion failed. Consensus of committee was lack of permit for the existing deck, lack of hardship and other options available.
6. Land Division filed by Albert Simpson on behalf of Allan Granberg to create one lot in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 1, Township 35N, Range 1E, Town of Prentice: Motion Houdek/Wartgow to approve the land division filed by Albert Simpson on behalf of Allan Grandberg. Motion carried.
7. Land Division filed by William Trost to create one lot in Govt Lot 4, Section 17, Township 40N, Range 1W, Town of Lake: Motion Kopisch/Houdek to approve the land division filed by William Trost, pending DOA approval. Motion carried.
8. 2021 Land Sale: 11 parcels. April or May sale. Should set minimum bids in March. Two lots in Park Falls will be sold as vacant after the city razes the structures.
9. Department report: Most of January has been nonmetallic mining.
10. Zoning financial reports and vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Kyle to approve the voucher in the amount of \$1,351.17. Motion carried. All activity should be recorded for 2020.
11. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Land Conservation – Evan Lund

12. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 9:44 a.m. Roll call as noted above.
13. Communications and Public Comment: Some counties are circulating resolutions for clean water issues with large farms.
14. 2020 Wildlife Damage Claims Approval: Seth Zesiger, USDA, called in for discussion. Motion Houdek/Kyle to approve the three claims filed by Jon Ocker (\$9,164.40), Mike Onchuck (\$5,039.13) and Bob Strobl (\$4,163.76) for a total of \$18,367.29. Motion carried.
15. Department report: Two snowmobile bridges were completed. Waiting on DNR payment on one of them. Jason is doing summer project planning. Working with Forestry & Parks for potential campground expansions at Solberg Lake and Smith Lake.
16. Land Conservation financial reports and vouchers: Motion Kyle/Houdek to approve the voucher in the amount of \$40,199.43. Motion carried.
17. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

18. Minutes from January 21, 2021 Meeting: Motion Kopisch/Wartgow to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.
19. Set Next Meeting Dates: March 18, April 22.

UW-Extension – Art Lersch

20. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. Also attending remotely Brenda Fierke, Wendy Rebne, Julie Diepenbrock
21. Communications and Public Comment: None.
22. Extension Educator highlight reports: State is developing summer guidelines. Continue with virtual and online programming. Unknowns about the County Fair. Open Class building is being demolished along with one wing of the Barn. Usage of the rest of the barn is doubtful. Reviewed one of the videos Wendy prepared for school age children. Continue to work with food pantries.
23. Department Programming
 - a. 4-H New Leader Training Program: Planning sessions to reach out to potential new club leaders.
24. Master Gardener Volunteer Coordinator position for 2021: 10% position is budgeted. Would not provide instruction for potential new participants, but would coordinate existing Master Gardeners. This position would follow UW guidelines. Will wait until there is more information from the UW. Phillips School District is exploring more use of their community garden, science departments and school forest property, which could potentially provide another partnership avenue.
25. Area Extension Director and university updates: Governor's budget - Dean Thompson has asked for funds for agriculture assistance. Moving forward with youth mental health and social norms data analysis surveys project.
26. UW Extension financial reports and vouchers: Motion Wartgow/Houdek to approve the voucher in the amount of \$452.31. Motion carried.
27. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk