

Price County Land Use / UW-Extension Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: August 31, 2023

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 Dennis Wartgow, Committee Chairperson at 9:00 a.m. Present: Alan Barkstrom, Doug Erickson, Robert Kopisch, Ginny Strobl, Dennis Wartgow, Rachel Hoffman (UW-Extension). Excused: Larry Meives (Land Conservation). Also present: Nick Trimner, Evan Lund, Art Lersch (remote)

Items for discussion and possible action:

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. Public Comment and Communications: None.
3. Public hearing declared open at 9:03 a.m. for the Special Exception Permit filed by Paul Grizzell for the purpose of building a new garage 40 feet to the center line of N. Airport Lane on property located in the Town of Worcester (W4812 N. Airport Lane). Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. No correspondence received. Hearing declared closed at 9:05 a.m.
4. Decision on Special Exception Permit filed by Paul Grizzell: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the special exception permit filed by Paul Grizzell. Motion carried.
5. Public hearing declared open at 9:06 a.m. for the Conditional Use Permit filed by Angela Nichols for the purpose of renting a home on a short-term basis on property located in the Town of Worcester (N9501 Deer Lake Lane): Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. No communications received. Hearing declared closed at 9:09 a.m.
6. Decision on Conditional Use Permit filed by Angela Nichols: Motion Erickson/Barkstrom to approve the conditional use permit filed by Angela Nichols. Motion carried.
7. Public hearing declared open at 9:11 a.m. for the Special Exception Permit filed by John Schroeder for the purpose of building a new garage 36 feet to the center line of Bay Road on property located in the Town of Fifield (W652 Bay Road): Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. Correspondence received from John Wolter, LLC and John Wolter in favor. Hearing declared closed at 9:16 a.m.
8. Decision on Special Exception Permit filed by John Schroeder: Motion Strobl/Barkstrom to approve the special exception permit filed by John Schroeder. Motion carried.
9. Public hearing declared open at 9:18 a.m. for the Conditional Use Permit filed by Stacey and Ed Janacek for the purpose of operating a tavern on a snowmobile trail during the months of December - April on property located in the Town of Worcester (W5676 Springs Drive): Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. Correspondence received in opposition from Roger Sleck. Comments in favor from Leon Smetak, Town of Worcester (remote). Comments from Stacey Janacek, property owner (remote). Public hearing declared closed at 9:23 a.m.
10. Decision on Conditional Use Permit filed by Stacey and Ed Janacek: Motion Barkstrom/Strobl to approve the conditional use permit filed by Stacey and Ed Janacek. Motion carried.
11. Public hearing declared open at 9:30 a.m. for the Special Exception Permit filed by Danielle Christianson for the purpose of building a new garage 61 feet to the center line of Silver Birch Road on property located in the Town of Eisenstein (N16244 Silver Birch Road): Amanda reviewed list of notices sent. Correspondence with no objection from Bonnie and Rick Svehla, Town of Eisenstein. Danielle Christianson, property owner, available for comments and requesting another three feet. Hearing declared closed at 9:35 a.m.
12. Decision on Special Exception Permit filed by Danielle Christianson: Motion Kopisch/Erickson to approve the special exception permit filed by Danielle Christianson. Motion Barkstrom/ to postpone. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Original motion carried. Owner will request an application amendment for an additional three feet for consideration at the next committee meeting.
13. Department Report: July was a busy month for permitting. Department is following up on short-term rental conditional use permits that do not have a septic inspection on file. Reviewing permit fees structure. Discussed conditional use permit provisions that can be included in County zoning ordinances. September 26th is the Court date for 2019 tax delinquent In Rem properties. Discussion with legal counsel regarding the new legislation on selling these properties and giving any profit to previous owner.
14. Zoning financial reports: No discussion.

15. This portion of the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Land Conservation – Evan Lund

16. Call to order and roll call: This part of the meeting called to order at 10:17. Roll call as noted above.

17. Public Comment and Communications: None.

18. Department report: Continue with cost share projects. Will hear from DNR regarding funding for future snowmobile bridges.

19. Land Conservation financial reports: No discussion.

20. This meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Miscellaneous:

21. Minutes from July 27, 2023 Meeting: Motion Strobl/Barkstrom to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2023 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

22. Committee Vouchers: None to present.

23. Set Next Meeting Dates: September 28, October 19, December 21

UW-Extension – Art Lersch

24. Call to order and roll call: This portion of the meeting called to order at 10:22 a.m. Roll call as noted above.

25. Public Comment and Communications: None.

26. Extension Educator Highlight Reports: Reviewed written reports. FoodWise planning for fall. Price County Fair reporting good attendance and support.

27. Resolution – Support of Increase in UW-Extension Educator Services: From prior discussion to support expanding the youth development programming in Price County. Possible increasing the .5 educator staff to 1.0. Motion Kopisch/Barkstrom to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board for their consideration. Motion carried.

28. Area Extension Director Updates: Facing budget cuts to the UW system. Region 4 all-staff meeting scheduled.

29. UW Extension financial reports: No discussion.

30. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Jean Gottwald, County Clerk