

Minutes Zoning Committee Meeting
October 19th, 2022, 4:00 P.M.
Village of Iola Community Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jennifer Schustek in the Village of Iola Community Room at 4:00 p.m. Open meeting statements were made by chairman Schustek. Roll call was taken by Clerk Betty Aanstad. Present: Zoning Committee Members: Chairman Jennifer Schustek, Jim Rasmussen, Mike Devine, Chuck Fritz, Larry Flowers, Ed Staal. Committee Member Excused Absence: Mark Sether. Others Present: Missy Fenn, Pamela Parks, Dave Harper, Barbara Johnson, Greg Johnson, Betsy Grant, Amy Ording, Donna Mummery, Laura Scott, Joe Opperman, Meggie Cahn, Dave Harper, Dell Olson, Eric & Nancy Wheelan, Kendra Dombrowski, Cavan Kosloske, Clerk Betty Aanstad & Deputy Clerk Laura Krogwold, Ryan Brown.

Non-Metallic Mining:

Chairman Schustek introduced Ryan Brown from Waupaca County Zoning. Ryan discussed the Non-Metallic Mining applications that were submitted to the Town of Scandinavia and the Village of Iola by Faulks Bros. Construction Inc. for Parcel 26 01 11 4 in the Village of Iola and what the application entails and the process before the permit would be granted to Faulks Bros. Construction Inc. Ryan also stated that this is not a normal application, because the application covers two different municipalities. The Town of Scandinavia Zoning ordinances for Non-Metallic Mining falls under Waupaca County Zoning and the Village of Iola has their own Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance. Because of this Waupaca County (on behalf of the Town of Scandinavia) and the Village of Iola will be working closely together to make sure all rules and regulations are covered before the final vote.

Ryan talked with Faulks Bros. Construction Inc earlier in the day regarding the application and felt there were still more questions that need to be answered on the application. He also said that in the end the final decision would be up to the Town of Scandinavia and Village of Iola for approval.

Many questions were asked by residents in attendance regarding the noise, safety of well water, property values and the end result of the land once the mining is completed. Ryan said that this is just in the beginning stages and that there are several steps that would have to be taken and questions answered before this would be considered and questions could be answered. Ryan said that in talking with Faulks Bros, there are no plans to put a high capacity well on the property for watering down the materials, they are planning to truck the water in. He also stated that because there is a pond close to the property the DNR may have some input.

Once they had more information additional meetings and Public Hearings would be had by both Municipalities. Questions were asked about additional meetings when and where they would be held and how people would know about them. Both Ryan Brown and Chairman Schustek stated both Municipalities will be holding Public Hearings, at this time they did not know if they would be joint Public Hearings or separate. Once dates are set they will be posted and can also be found on the Village of Iola website for the Village of Iola times, dates and locations.

No action was taken at this time regarding Non-Metallic Mining, this was for information only.

Outside Wood Burners:

An application was submitted to the Village of Iola for a Conditional Use permit by Cavan J. Kosloske, 105 Pine Tree Lane to install an outdoor wood furnace. Mr. Kosloske presented the board with the EPA regulations for the wood burner he had purchased and explained his reasoning to install an outdoor wood burner because of the cost of fuel to heat his home and shop. After the Committee reviewed the paperwork Mr. Kosloske presented and a discussion with the board regarding location and plans for the furnace and smoke, and the board taking into account the comments from Village of Iola Fire Inspector and board member Ed Staal stating he had driven out to the property to review the location. It was decided to recommend to the Village Board to grant Mr. Kosloske a Condition Use Permit, with a 6 mos. Review.

A motion was made by Chuck Fritz, to grant Cavan Kosloske, located at 105 Pine Tree Lane a Conditional Use Permit for an Outdoor Wood Furnace that has less than a twenty (20) foot stack, with a six-month review. At the time of the six (6) month review if no problems have risen the Conditional Use permit will stay in place, unless complaints are received and then the complaints will be considered and investigated before action is taken to revoke the Conditional Use Permit.

Committee Member Jim Rasmussen explained to Mr. Kosloske that just because the Committee has approved a Conditional Use Permit, it still needs to go before the Village Board for final approval. Which will be November 14th, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. meeting. He also stated that he can move forward with installing the stove, however until the permit is granted by the board, he cannot operate it. He did not feel the board would approve the permit.

Home Business:

A discussion was had regarding home businesses and signage on properties and along roadways. The question was brought to the board due to the number of people working from home or looking for options to make extra money and starting business in their homes and the calls the Village Clerk's office has received regarding rules and regulations. After a short discussion and questions about the village ordinance, the age of the ordinance and the meaning. It was decided to do additional research before the board could make any decisions.

Jim Rasmussen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Flowers seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chairman Jennifer Schustek announced the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Submitted by: Clerk Betty Aanstad