Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 1:30 P.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were: Dave Willingham, Karl Fisher, Mark Schmitt, Robert Stout, and Arian Knops. Staff present: CeCe Tesky, John Fitzl, Verna Nielsen, and Yvonne Johnson.

Motion by Schmitt/Stout to approve the meeting committee minutes and public hearing minutes from August 12. Motion carried.

Public comment: Mike Hraban was present to discuss issues in the Town of Flambeau. He is concerned about the Tinker Tot property. He stated the old garage by the fairgrounds is an eyesore and blighting the area. Properties are not being mowed. Tesky stated the lawn mowing is not under the zoning ordinance. The town may be able to pass a nuisance ordinance to enforce something like this.

The payment approval report was reviewed. Motion by Knops/Stout to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Verna Nielsen reported Rebecca McEathron-Kramer has been working on the GCS system and putting spouses names on two separate lines so each name can be searched. Nielsen is advertising the properties that are being taken under REM. Tax collections are $5,000 ahead of last year at this time.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 2:00 P.M. to open a public hearing in the Town of Washington for Paul Schneider to allow a short term rental property. Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 2:05 P.M. to reopen the zoning meeting. Handed out staff recommendations. Discussed the septic system capacity—there is no record of the existing system size or location. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the conditional use request for the short term rental with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

CSM review: 1 lot CSM in the Town of Flambeau for the City of Ladysmith. There are four pages to the CSM. The lot is at the fairgrounds and is for the City’s new pump house. It does not meet minimum lot size or access requirements. Discussed options. Motion by Knops/Stout to approve the CSM as an outlot. Motion carried.

Town of Thornapple 1 lot—named lot 3 for Chet Nowak. This is a remainder parcel between two existing CSMs. Zoned residential-recreational 3-100’ minimum lot width. The base floodplain contour should be on the map. Motion by Stout/Fisher to approve with the condition the floodplain contour is added. Motion carried.
Town of Thornapple 2 lot map: The property is zoned forestry and is on Red Gate Lane. The lot to the north is under 1 acre. There is a 1 acre minimum in forestry. Motion by Schmitt/Stout to approve the map upon the lot being increased to meet the 1 acre minimum. Motion carried.

Town of Atlanta 1 lot for Joe Schmitz. The property is zoned ag. The lot is 5 acres in size and meets all the minimum standards. Motion by Knops/Schmitt to approve the map. Motion carried.

Town of Grant 2 lots for Marcy Hamilton-preliminary map. No problems with minimum requirements. Motion by Schmitt/Knops to approve the preliminary layout. Motion carried.

Town of Dewey 1 lot CSM for Kevin Schultz. Tesky recommends approval. Motion by Stout/Schmitt to approve the map. Motion carried.

Land Records: Fitzl reported he is updating the parcel map. He has a new password and directory for the new server for ARC-GIS. The intern is working on road centerlines and is 75% completed.

Register of Deeds: No report.

Zoning report: Tesky reported the land use permits are up and the sanitary permits are down. Permitting usually picks up in the fall. Tesky was a guest speaker at the Bass Lake Lake Association meeting. Enforcement is still being worked on and more short term rental properties are being found.

LCDD report: Tesky took the budgets to Finance on the August 28th and there were no changes.

Corner monument ordinance: Reviewed proposed changes. No action taken.

Out of County Travel: Register of Deeds office personnel Brenda Lane and Judy Srp to attend GCS training on October 3 in Stevens Point. Motion by Schmitt/Knops to approve. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be on October 14, 2014.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 3:36 P.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator
NOT COMMITTEE APPROVED

ZONING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
PAUL AND TROY SCHNEIDER
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014
SHORT-TERM RENTAL

Members Present: Karl Fisher, Mark Schmitt, Robert Stout and Arian Knops. Staff Present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:00 P.M. The purpose of the public hearing was a conditional use request to allow a short-term rental facility on the following described real estate:

A parcel in Gov’t lot 4, Section 28, T33N, R7W. Site address N662 CTH E. Property owner: Paul and Troy Schneider
16050 190th Ave
Bloomer, WI 54724

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The town clerk, DNR, and owner were notified by Certified Mail and neighboring property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Tesky explained that we have the application which was signed by the township. Tesky stated this property is currently being used as a short-term rental and was an enforcement issue. The property is currently licensed through the Department of Health.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Paul Schneider stated he purchased the property 5 years ago with the intent of it being a short-term rental. He advertises as a vacation rental by owner. He was previously contacted by the Rusk County Health Department to be licensed and recently received a letter from zoning. His clients stay between 2 days to several months. Clients come from all over the United States.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone present to speak in opposition. Asked three times. There was no one present.

There being no further testimony, Vice-Chair Schmitt closed the public hearing at 2:05 P.M.

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Handed out staff recommendations. Discussed the septic system capacity—there is no record of the existing system size or location. Motion by Fisher/Schmitt to approve the conditional use request for the short term rental with the staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion carried.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator