LAND INFORMATION / ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 11, 2019

Chairman Willingham called the meeting of the Rusk County Zoning/Land Information Committee to order at 11:00 A.M. in the Law Enforcement Center in the Rusk County Government Center. Members present were David Willingham, Bill McBain, Phil Schneider, Kathy Vacho and Mark Schmitt. Staff present: CeCe Tesky and Yvonne Johnson.

Chairman Willingham recessed the zoning meeting at 11:01 A.M. to open a public hearing in the Town of Washington for Dbar campground. The request was to allow a campground expansion on the following described real estate: Requesting 50 additional sites.

Lot 4 in CSM 1220 in Gov’t lot 2, Section 35, T33N, R7W.  
Address: W10355 CTH D Holcombe, WI

Property owner: D Bar Properties, LLC  
137 Gail St  
Medford, WI  54451

Tesky read the notice of public hearing which was posted per the requirements of a Class (2) notice. The owner and township were notified by Certified Mail. The DNR was notified by email, which is the requested method. Property owners within 500’ were notified by First Class Mail. Reviewed the application.

Chairman Willingham asked for anyone present to speak in favor of the application. Julie Wolfe was present. She stated that 3 couples bought the property together. They have a cabin 2 miles down the road and have been in the area since 1995. They are requested additional sites to expand the business.

Willingham asked for anyone present to speak in opposition to the request. Mark Leary was present. He owns the property directly to the west of this lot. He asked if the sites were intended for tents or RVs. He stated that 50 units parked and left for the year would amount to a lot of people. Tesky reviewed the site sizes and location. Leary expressed concern about the potential for noise at night, random fireworks, cars and large vehicles parking on the road, and kids crossing the road to access the river. He is happy their business is doing well and they are adding life to the area. He suggested the speed limit should be lowered in the area for safety. He said the internet gets slow now on the weekends, this would make it worse.

Julie Wolfe said they plan to have full water and sewer hook ups and they want to have permanent sites. They plan to add parking.

Penny Smatsler said she is at the bar 3-5 days a week. She is not aware of the police ever being called to the bar for a fight or noise complaint.
There being no further testimony, Chairman Willingham closed the public hearing at 11:28 A.M.

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Reviewed staff recommendations. Add to recommendations “no parking within the right-of-way of the road.” Adjust findings of fact to indicate 15 sites allowed per gross acre. Motion by Schmitt/McBain to approve the request for the campsites with the edited staff recommendations as the conditions. Motion by Schneider/McBain to add a condition of an onsite supervisor with a sign indicating the contact information for the supervisor. Motion carried on the added condition. Motion carried on the motion to approve. Motion carried.

Chairman Willingham adjourned the meeting at 11:57 A.M.

Yvonne Johnson
Assistant Zoning Administrator