Chairman Willingham called the public hearing to order at 2:40 P.M. Members present were Willingham, Schneider and Costello. Taylor was absent. The purpose of the hearing was to allow a campground on the NE ¼ - NE ¼, Section 8, T36N, R9W. Property owner: Ronald Robotka.

CeCe read the notice that was put in the paper and she said the notice meets all requirements. She also had the board look over the land use permit and the minutes from the Town of Wilson.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Alisha (Robotka’s girlfriend) was present. She stated that it’s not an ATV campground. Their family wants to camp in the area. She talked to a realtor in Barron County and they told her that campgrounds will not decrease the land value. ATV riders will promote ATV safety. She said that there is a huge demand for camping in the area. There will be 2 exits/entrances and some seasonal sites. They have a total of 80 acres and there will be about 6 acres of campground.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Mary Subrt was present. She has 40 acres west of the proposed campground. She passed out letters. She said she didn’t attend the Town of Wilson meeting. Subrt was upset that adjoining land owners were not notified about the Town of Wilson meeting and she first found out when Ron was digging in the electric line. She stated that she talked to Yvonne in the zoning office and she told her to call diggers hotline and North Central Power. She said that the area dug north of the mail box is a big muck hole now. She also thinks if more people would have been notified, it wouldn’t have gotten past the Town of Wilson meeting. Murphy Flowage, Bucks Lake and the county campgrounds are not always filled. She wants to preserve wildlife and wants to keep it quiet. She said that because of the logging trucks and ATV’s she can’t ride her horses on the road. She is also concerned about the property values and said that the realtors are not willing to make a statement regarding property values.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. None present.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Andy Muenic, who has owned property for 30 years was present. He stated that he enjoys the quiet. His property adjoins the property across from the proposed campground. His realtor said that a major concern is plummeting land values. He also said that the campground would be an enforcement nightmare.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. None present.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Ron Hipp, who is a land owner, was present. He talked to the county forester, who told him that a whole lot could go wrong. He wants to maintain the county forest. He doesn’t want it rezoned just for a campground.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Ron Robotka was present. He stated that he doesn’t think it’s right that people don’t want him to make money. He said that at the town
meeting nobody was against the campground. Other campgrounds have people from out of town and he also wants family to be able to camp.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Terry Bresina, who owns a 42 acre parcel a quarter mile away from the proposed campground, was present. He said that safety and budget issues are big concerns for him.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. Ron Robotka spoke again. He stated that the ATV’s are already on the roads and the campground isn’t even open yet. The Town of Wilson opened all blacktop roads to ATV’s.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Daniel Bailek was present. He owns a back 40. He said that if more people would of known at the town level, it would have been taken care of at the meeting.

CeCe said that the Town of Wilson is comprehensive zoned. Conditional use permit has to go to the Town of Wilson for signatures before coming to zoning. Wilson has no notification level and that’s why the zoning office takes care of notifications.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. None present.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. John Bailek was present. He stated that he’s confused about the ATV trail to the west. The County doesn’t regulate the ATV’s. He wants to know who will be there to check on the campground.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. None present.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Todd Herricks was present. His big concern is supervision. He wants to know who is going to be concerned with checking on the campground. (Ron stated that the Town of Wilson will be patrolling and they will have a drop box for people to pay.) Todd is concerned about safety of his 4 kids. He wants the campground regulated.

Willingham asked for anyone in favor of the request. None present.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Lee Balif, who owns property, was present. He was worried about the impact of the environment and wet lands. When land was bought, it was bought because of wildlife habitat. Will the drainage contaminate the water quality? He also asked what is appropriate for the area following environmental impact statements. Willingham asked CeCe if any additional permits need to be obtained. CeCe said that the State Health Department and DNR Stormwater permits would need to be obtained. Lee Balif was going to put in a road on his property and it turned out to be wetland. Who determines what is considered wetlands? CeCe said the DNR does.

Willingham asked for anyone against the request. Mary Subrt spoke again. She said to the land owners that it’s not a personal vendetta against them. She doesn’t want a private campground unsupervised. Robert stated that they eventually want a house there, as they don’t live there now. Mary Subrt called Jon Kleist from the DNR and he advised her to ask that a wetland delineation be done on the proposed site.
CeCe stated that she has letters from people opposed to the request. She is going to mail copies to Robotka’s.

Willingham stated that there should be a site visit scheduled. It was decided to have the site visit at the July 1st meeting.

Closed the Public Hearing at 3:35 P.M..

Monica Kenealy, Secretary/Bookkeeper