

Laketown Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
8:00 pm

Welcome & Attendance: 8:00 pm meeting start time. Duane welcomed those present.

Members Present: Duane Robinson, *Chairperson*; Nellie Brown, Cody Reed, Dennis Hodges, Gary Ogilvie, and Ruby Hunter, *Recording Secretary*.

Members Absent: Tamie Gomez

Public Members: Aaron Quinn, Steve Meyers, Nate Skeen, David Skeen, Joe Weston, Hal Weston, and Eric Wamsley

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Nellie Brown

Minutes: Members reviewed the minutes from June 24, 2020.

Cody motioned to accept the minutes.

Nellie seconded the motion.

All in favor.

Building Permits:

Dalton Earley had some discrepancies with the building plans for his shed and will present the modified plans next month.

Eric Wamsley would like to build an indoor riding arena behind his house. It will be a steel building structure measuring 80x200x16. It will have power, insulation, and a water hydrant using water from his well. There will be one door on one end and two doors on the other end.

Duane entertained the motion to accept the plans.

Dennis motioned to accept the plans.

Cody seconded.

All in favor.

David Skeen with Safe Harbor Units presented the three-phase plan, including the foundation plan, for the proposed storage unit project on the south side of Highway 89. The proposed units will be for RV and boat storage only. They will not have power to the units and their current plan is to only rent to those needing RV and boat storage. They are not intended for individuals storing random personal items. They will require a

background check on all applicants. Their intentions are to accommodate those individuals needing winter boat/RV storage.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the setbacks, access, future roads, in-lets, out-lets and the positioning of the units themselves. David indicated he was assured by the town council that 5-foot setbacks were all that was required. David is going to locate the town council minutes supporting his 5-foot approval. Dennis remembers the town council approving something along those lines but could not recall exactly what had been decided.

Nellie reminded him that in the original meeting the proposed plan included trees since the units will be positioned along a scenic byway. David said they would be happy to plant trees and having a good relationship with Laketown is a priority. The property has one share of irrigation water and it would be easy to include a drip line to water the trees. Duane asked about the possibility of changing the units to face a different direction. David said he has never put in units with the backsides facing the entrance, but he would run that option past the property owner, Tim Halton.

Duane assured him that there would be no decision made at this time because the county attorney needs to be consulted and the planning and zoning members need time to really consider the proposal. David said that if the city will not approve the current plan in the immediate future then the owner will most likely sell the property, dumping the project. Duane asked for David's patience while the storage unit project and its ramifications are considered.

David Skeen will obtain a copy of the town council minutes to clarify the determined setbacks and will attend next week's town council meeting to further the discussion.

Railroad Storage Units (Connex Units):

Duane has recently been asked by someone who is interested in purchasing a residential property if they would be allowed to bring in 1-2 storage containers. Currently Laketown has two of these units. It was agreed that they are eyesores in our community, and no one is in favor of allowing them within city limits. Aaron Quinn stated that to his knowledge most are allowed in counties but not within city limits. It was agreed that an exception could be made if the storage container is used specifically for a project to store materials and is in place for 12 months or less. All agreed. Duane will bring this topic the town council's attention at their next meeting.

Report from Town Council:

At the last town council there was a decision made about what should be included on the city's building request form. Gary took the list the planning and zoning committee provided and presented it to the town council. They added items to the list, while consulting via phone with Geo Peart. Gary did not disclose the changes but indicated

they were not anything that would cause concern with the planning and zoning committee.

There was mention that some visitors had been causing distress for some Laketown residents. The city clerk has been approved to issue trailer permits with the Mayor's approval. The current permit allows RV trailers to park in the same location for seven consecutive days, three times per summer. The master road plan was discussed, and the town council decided they will have a public hearing to approve the current plan. There is not a specific date set for the public hearing at this time.

Around the Room:

Duane: The new building form is not ready yet. Duane met with Mitch Poulsen to overlay the road plan on the zoning map so each committee member can have a copy for reference.

Nellie: Nothing.

Ruby: Nothing.

Cody: Nothing

Dennis: Nothing.

Gary: Nothing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.