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## **Sanitation/Planning & Zoning/Dog Control**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by James Kuhn in the Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street.

Present: Jim Kuhn, Cedric Schnitzler, Todd Sparks and Zach Zebell. Absent, Mary Cook.

Also Present: Alison Elliott-Sanitation, Zoning, Dog Control Director.

### **Possible Corrections and Approval of December 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes.**

Discussion was held.

A **motion** was made by Todd Sparks, seconded by Zach Zebell, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried: 4-0.

### **Public Hearings:**

Application of Dustin Donskey and Gerke Excavating, Inc, of Tomah, WI for a **conditional use permit** for the expansion of an existing mineral extraction & processing quarry on property located on Co Hwy AA in part of the SW ¼ of Section 1, T16N, R3W, approximately 90 acres in the Town of Wells, Tax Parcel ID# 046-00017-0000, 046-00012-0000, 046-00013-0000, 046-00015-0000. The adjoining land use is quarry, woodlands and agriculture.

Svet Roussen, Engineer for Gerke, was present. He gave a presentation explaining that Gerke is requesting a CUP to expand mining operations to the west of their current mine. The proposed expansion will be around 90 acres with approximately 64 acres of that actually mined. It is proposed that the mining of this area will be completed in four phases. During operation and after reclamation the area that is mined will be sloped away from County Highway AA at a 3:1 slope and will have internal drainage to contain all surface water and prevent runoff leaving the property. Property owners Dustin and Terry Donskey were also present.

An email was received from the Town of Wells stating they had no objections.

A **motion** was made by Zach Zebell, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler to approve the application of Dustin Donskey and Gerke Excavating, for a conditional use permit for the expansion of an existing mineral extraction & processing quarry on property located on Co Hwy AA, Town of Wells. Motion carried: 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained (Todd Sparks).

Application of Jozef Koniecko and Gordon Alexander for a **conditional use permit** to operate a small business for U-Haul rentals and installing intoxalocks on vehicles, at 29244 State Hwy 21, Tomah, WI in part of the SW 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 17, T18N, R1E, Town of Byron, parcel number 006-00392-0000, 15 acres. The adjoining land use is residential and agriculture.

Gordon Alexander was present and explained to the Committee he has removed the auto service business and would just like to keep operating the UHaul and Intoxalock installation businesses. He stated that he would eventually like to buy the property. He said he would have roughly 3 service trucks (tow trucks) parked in the lot at one time. He stated that they do not do any mechanical service on the U-Hauls, they go to Madison area for that.

Alison explained to the Committee he did not have to wait the minimum 9 months to re-apply for a CUP because this application was not exactly the same as the previous request heard at the

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November 2022 meeting. Neighboring property owner Tracy Biskey questioned if the previous concerns regarding the appropriate use of the septic and vehicles parked all around the property would be taken care of.

Todd Sparks raised a concern regarding the number of vehicles currently parked on the side slope off parking area down to the wetlands on the west side.

Zach Zebell expressed concern about potential pollution if a vehicle leaks any kind of fluid onto the ground because the parking area is gravel it would just leach into the ground and wetlands. Zach asked Gordon if they would be washing the U-Haul trucks on the lot. Gordon stated no.

Discussion was held.

A **motion** was made by Todd Sparks, seconded by Zach Zebell to approve the application of Jozef Koniecko and Gordon Alexander for a **conditional use permit** to operate a small business for U-Haul rentals and installing intoxalocks on vehicles, at 29244 State Hwy 21, Tomah, WI with the following conditions:

- 1) By June 1, 2023 a minimum 8' high fence on the west and south side of the parking area must be installed so that the vehicles parked there are not visible from the road.
- 2) Vehicles may only be parked within the fenced area. No vehicles shall be parked outside the fence on the sloping sides of the parking area or in wetlands.
- 3) No vehicle service may be performed on site that involves lubricants, oils, coolants or other fluids.

Motion carried: 4-0.

Application of Daniel & Angel Slawinski for a **conditional use permit** to operate a healing & retreat center, at 29005 Missouri Ave, Kendall, WI in part of the NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 6, T15N, R1E, Town of Glendale, parcel number 010-00146-2000, 20 acres.

Angel Slawinski was present and explained her plans for the property. She would like to have a retreat to help survivors of trauma and sex trafficking. She stated it would only house up to 6 people at one time. They would have unannounced meetings for 3-4 days at a time. It would run from spring-fall, not having anything in the winter months. She stated there would be a maximum of 3 vehicles on the property in the parking area at one time. Angel said the women that would participate in the retreats are between 1-2 years in their healing journey. The purpose of the retreats is to help them transition into independent living. Angel stated that she has been in this line of work for many years and that she is a certified wellness coach.

Marilyn Bakewell, neighbor, stated how she was concerned for the Amish in the area with the possibility of sex traffickers finding this retreat.

Angel responded to this concern stating that she had spoken with one of the neighboring Amish and he did not have any concerns.

Joe Cech, neighboring property owner, expressed his concerns regarding the response time of law enforcement and emergency services to this area. He approximated the response time for Monroe County Sheriff would be around 25-30 minutes. He also informed the Committee that Missouri Ave is a low maintenance gravel road.

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Nic Betts, neighboring property owner, stated that he was concerned about the possibility of drug use as well as the possibility of the sex traffickers coming to look for these woman at the retreat. He stated that sex traffickers are not your typical hometown criminals, they are far more dangerous, smart and sophisticated and they could come find these woman.

Rebecca Schwichtenberg, neighboring property owner, expressed concerns for safety of the woman and neighbors. She was also concerned with cell phone use and being able to track someone to that location. Rebecca stated that she seen on Facebook that Angel had posted what county this was in, a photo in front of one of the four tunnels along the bike trail, and asking for donations. Angel responded that she did not post the address and that she would remove the photo of the tunnel. Rebecca also stated that she was concerned for the Amish in the area in case sex traffickers were to come around there.

Roger Schwichtenberg, neighboring property owner, was also concerned with the photo of the tunnel. He does not feel they are equipped to handle anything bad that comes along with sex trafficking. He stated that he was worried people would follow them to this resort and it wouldn't be private any longer. Roger also stated that he thought maybe she should pick a location closer to a police force in case of emergency.

Raye Walz, Chairman for the Town of Glendale was present. He stated the Town had concerns of parking on the hill along with safety.

Todd Sparks stated that when you buy a property, it is because you like the location. Zach Zebell stated that he believes in what Angel is trying to do but he as well as the public, is concerned for people's safety.

Discussion was held:

A **motion** was made by Todd Sparks, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler, to approve the application of Daniel & Angel Slawinski for a **conditional use permit** to operate a healing & retreat center, at 29005 Missouri Ave, Kendall, WI. Motion carried: 3 yes, 1 no (Zach Zebell).

### **Sanitation & Zoning Dept Questions & Updates** **Permit Fees**

Discussion held regarding the breakdown of costs to the County to administer each type of fee. The Committee would like to look over the information and fees and discuss again in February, as well as March.

### **Dog Control Dept Questions & Updates**

Discussion held.

### **Vehicle RFP Bid Recommendation**

Discussion held.

A **motion** was made by Zach Zebell, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler to approve and accept the bid from Sleepy Hollow of \$42,356 for a new Ford F150 truck. Motion carried: 4-0.

**Financial Report**

**FINANCIAL REPORT - VOUCHERS - INTER-DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS – CREDIT CARD EXPENDITURES – LINE ITEM TRANSFERS – BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

Discussion held.

A **motion** was made by Cedric Schnitzler, seconded by Zach Zebell to approve the line item transfer for Sanitation from Conferences/Seminars to Phone for the 2022 budget. Motion carried 4-0.

A **motion** was made by Todd Sparks, seconded by Zach Zebell to approve the line item transfer for Zoning from Conferences/Seminars to Phone for the 2022 budget. Motion carried 4-0.

**Repurpose of Funds for Sanitation Vehicle**

A **motion** was made by Cedric Schnitzler, seconded by Zach Zebell to approve the repurpose of funds for the purchase of the Sanitation vehicle. Motion carried 4-0. This will be forwarded to the Finance Committee and Full County Board for approval.

**December 2022**

Department Vouchers		Interdepartmental Transfers		Credit Card Voucher	
Sanitation	1,421.28	Sanitation		Sanitation Credit	
Zoning	107.14	Zoning		Zoning	681.38
Dog Control BOA	2,227.84	Dog Control	88.40	Dog Control LR	180.00
	92.49				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3848.75</b>		<b>88.40</b>		<b>861.38</b>

Discussion was held:

**Set Date for Next Meeting and Possible Agenda Items.**

The next meeting will be held Monday, February 20, 2023 and will start at 6:00 pm in the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656. Agenda items: 2 CUP, Shoreland Zoning and Permit Fees

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Zach Zebell, seconded by Cedric Schnitzler. Motion carried: 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

*Recorded by Cassie Cunitz*