

Planning & Zoning Meeting Minutes
10/6/22
Butler County Courthouse

Present

Planning and Zoning Commission members:

Deb McWhirter
Roger Kregel
Rosemary Willson
Jane Close
John Backer

Others:

Ted Junker

Deb McWhirter called the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Administrator Day updated the Commission regarding the McDivitt junkyard. Day reported that the neighbor, Mr. Petersen, had emailed her and called Supervisor Eddy to thank them for their time and report that he was pleased with the clean-up Mr. McDivitt had done. Supervisor Eddy thanked Clayton on record during the Supervisor meeting the previous week.

Public Hearing:

Chair McWhirter opened the public hearing to consider a recommendation for the updated Butler County Zoning Ordinance. Ted Junker was present and thanked the Commission for taking the time to meet with the Butler County-Grundy County Citizens Against Turbines and for incorporating the changes that they did. Mr. Junker inquired as to a few minor typos that were mentioned at the last meeting and it was determined that those had been corrected.

A Motion to recommend adoption of the updated Butler County Zoning Ordinance Title VI, No. 27 was made by Rosemary Willson and was seconded John Backer. Motion passed.

New Business:

Administrator Day reported that she had received 3 easements between a wind turbine company and Butler County property owners from the Assessor's office. Administrator Day tried to reach out to the company listed in the easement agreements but the number went to a recorded voicemail and no one had returned her calls. Discussion was had regarding the easement negotiations being grounds for an automatic denial and how this would play out since the new ordinance has not yet been adopted. Administrator Day advised that since the new ordinance is not in place yet, these easement negotiations would not be able to be used as a basis for denial, however, she has not received any applications nor has she been contacted by anyone regarding a wind farm project. By the time an application is submitted, the new ordinance should be adopted and would need to be followed in the event a project is proposed.

Commission Member Jane Close provided Administrator Day with two addresses that have accumulated junk vehicles. Administrator Day will look into the properties and send notices accordingly.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jane Close and was seconded by Roger Kregel. Motion passed.

Misty Day, Planning and Zoning Administrator

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