

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Public Hearing to Rezone Baer Property

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Call to Order: Chris Mayer called the Public Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2009 at the Manitowish Waters Community Building, Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin. Chris read the hearing notice on a petition submitted by Tom Baer, property owner, to rezone 35 acres from Single Family Residential District to Agricultural District (A-Exclusive), and to plant 15 of those acres with cranberry's; located in part of Gov't Lot 3 Section 25, T42N, R5E, in the Town of Manitowish Waters. Parcel #'s: 016-1275, 016-1303 and 016-1307.

Motion by Bob Egan, second by Jack Harrison to approve today's proceedings. All aye, motion carried.

Members Present: Chris Mayer, Jack Harrison, Bob Egan, Maynard Bedish, Fred Radtke.

Others Present: Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Administrator; Sue Petruzates, Acting Secretary; Tom Baer, Charles Rayala, Eric Johnson, John Hanson.

Tom Baer, property owner and petitioner, was sworn in and testified explaining his petition and project. He requests to rezone 35 acres out of 165 acres from Single Family to Agricultural. There is state land to the north and east, and no neighbor within 600' of this project. Total use of water, water over the dam, water use per month, and management plans for fertilizers and pesticides were reviewed and discussed. There will be a berm along Townline Road. Fred asked about the other 60 acre parcel for future development, Tom Baer stated he has dropped the request for the 60 acre parcel at this time.

Charlie Rayala was sworn in and testified in favor of the rezone because the property is already adjacent to cranberry marshes and extra jobs will be created.

Dawn informed the committee that two Registration Slips were received in opposition. She read one from a property owner on Pine Lane who is against possible noise pollution and commercial truck traffic. The second slip was not read aloud at the hearing (per Corporation Counsel) as it was personal and not pertinent to the rezone; all present reviewed it; and it will remain part of the file. The DNR letter was read aloud stating this project is exempt from their permitting regulations, but if the project affects federal wetlands the ACOE needs to be contacted. Dawn informed all that a rezone out of wetlands would be required through the county also. Dawn then read the Town of Manitowish Waters correspondence approving the rezone. No further comments from the public.

Chris closed the public part of the hearing and brought the rezone back to the committee for their decision. Agricultural use and other agencies approvals were discussed.

Motion by Bob Egan, second by Fred Radtke to approve the rezone from Single Family to Agriculture and to move the rezone to the next County Board meeting for their approval. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Fred Radtke, second by Maynard Bedish to adjourn. All aye, motion carried. Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.