MINUTES OF MEETING OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Held October 4, 2021
Washington County Conference Room

Regular meeting of the Washington County Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Mark Hartman, Todd Ewen, Deirdre Miller, Keeley Stingel and John Quatroke; absent were Danielle Walker, Ervin Day, Kevin Baird, and Emily Rodman. Board of Zoning Appeals members present were Max Greene and Mark Hartman; absent were Darrel Tye and John Mishler. Also present were Commission Attorney, John Mead, and Plan Director Travis Elliott.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Quatroke; Todd Ewen offered prayer.

Minutes of the August 2, August 9, and September 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion by Keeley, second by Todd, the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Travis reported on temporary structures and campers. There was lengthy discussion regarding campers; is it worth it to keep citing violators over and over? Keeley questioned if the violators would be homeless if their camper was removed. It appears as though once violators are issued a citation, they will move the camper and reappear elsewhere within the county. Travis stated it is almost a waste of time in dealing with landowners. Todd stated campers are a towable structure and are to be legally licensed and plated. Todd expressed his frustration with this matter.

Deirdre stated that a single wide mobile home rents for $800.00 to $900.00/month.

Travis stated that when someone applies for a permit for a temporary structure, he advises that State law only allows the permit for 180 days. Travis is unsure how surrounding counties are handling this type of situation.

Keeley questioned if the Assessor's Office is catching the temporary structures.

Todd stated the goal is to keep people from living in camper year round; Travis suggested waiving the 180 day permit if the applicants are building a home.

There was additional discussion regarding the procedure depending on the nature of the violation. Deirdre stated that we have relied on the health department for enforcement of the violation.

Todd stated he doesn't think we should charge landowners who have an RV or camper parked on the land he pays taxes on. He further stated the biggest concern in this situation is public health.

Travis stated he was seeking permission from the Commission to waive the permit for landowners who have a camper on land they own.

Upon motion by Keeley, second by Deirdre, the Commission unanimously approved to waive the permit fee when landowners place a camper on land which they own.

Travis will check with the City how they are handling these types of situations.

There was discussion regarding mini barns. Keeley stated that there is an education issue regarding the need for a permit and what is allowed. Travis stated he receives lots of call from residents with questions regarding mini barns. He further stated that people will do what they have to do.

Deirdre stated that we have to look at only what people can control.

Travis stated there is not a rule that states the age limit of a mobile home. There are so many mobile homes being set in the County.

John Quatroke states that he needs to resign from the Commission for personal reasons; he states that he believes in fairness and justice.

The Board of Zoning Appeals was not called to order; no action taken.

Washington County Plan Commission by:

Mark Hartman, President

Danielle Walker, Vice President

Keeley Stingel, Secretary

Ervin Day

Todd Ewen

Kevin Baird

Deirdre Miller

Emily Rodman

John Quatroke

Board of Zoning and Appeals by:

Max Greene, President

Mark Hartman

Darrell Tye

John Mishler

WCPC/BZA Attorney:

John W. Meaux