

Town of Liberty Grove
Minutes of the Plan Commission meeting on July 12, 2023

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of quorum
3. Adopt agenda
4. Approve Minutes: 6-28-23
5. Conditional Use Permit: Dale Stewart, Camp Zion, Inc, on behalf of Christian Catholic Church, Parcel 018-02-02322821A1
6. Public Input
7. Correspondence
8. Future meeting dates
9. Adjourn

Chairman Nancy Goss called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Commissioners Paul Bokelmann, Anne Miller, Cathy Ward, Cheryl Culver, and Dan Watts were present along with Administrator Walter Kalms, Clerk/Treasurer Anastasia Bell and approximately 32 members of the public. Commissioner Bill Surbaugh was excused.

Miller moved, Ward second to approve the agenda as posted. Carried 6-0.

Miller moved, Culver second to approve the 6/28/23 minutes as presented. Carried 6-0.

Conditional Use, 018-02-02322821A1 – Goss noted the long legal history and expressed concern that the Town could be brought into the legal proceedings if comments were provided on this application. Ward agreed that it should be left for the County to decide. Miller noted the Town can only provide input so it would be best if the County decides on their own. Culver stated the information left many questions. **Goss moved, Miller second** that the CUP for Dale Stewart, Camp Zion, Inc, on behalf of Christian Catholic Church, Parcel 018-02-02322821A1 be forwarded to the County without comment or prejudice. Roll call: Watts, Goss, Miller, Culver, Bokelmann, and Ward voted aye, no nays. Carried 6-0. The Commission noted that the County RPC requests their own correspondence.

Public – Dale Seaquist, the camp is a complement to the community. Mike Dean, thank you for a well-crafted motion. Larry Perkins, Camp Zion is a great addition to Door County. George Turnbull, the camp is a great neighbor and organization. Joe Humphrey, the camp is a great place of reprieve for children. Lydia Mae Peterson, the camp is now for everyone and continues to increase activities, it doesn't belong at this location. Jim Peterson, camp is a blessing to kids here, especially in the winter. Mike Bahrke, disappointed that nobody has dealt with the law-based issue in the past three years. Sally Bahrke, when is the growth going to stop? Peter Orlick, camp is wonderful, the neighbors are against the expansion. Dennis Juel, camp has been beneficial, the expansion will continue that benefit. Elizabeth Hanson Warner, the current size fits the area, the issue is the expansion. Assured zoning ordinances would apply to excessively sized buildings, concerns are the impact and what is planned next. Chris Peterson, Camp is wonderful, issue is illegal expansion as construction has continued even though the CUP was ended. The setback variance was denied, and the building is not in nature of other area buildings. Michael Passow, camp is great, the issue is what is to come on an already non-conforming use. They should not be allowed to expand, and Door County failed to follow the laws in place. Goss reminded the public to submit their testimony directly to the County Resource Planning Commission.

Correspondence – Letters regarding the CUP.

The next meetings will be 7/26/23 and 8/9/23 at 6:00pm.

Miller moved, Ward second to adjourn at 6:41pm. Carried 6-0.

Anastasia Bell, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved at the 7/26/2023 Plan Commission meeting