

MINUTES FROM BROOKLYN PLAN COMMISSION - MEETING SEPT. 5, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vonn Roberts, Mark Lindquist, Glen Schapfel, Don Strobel, Kurt Wilkens, Sue McConnell

Excused: Tom Penfield, Mike Jankowski

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The committee discussed the County LUPZ meeting held on 9/5/24 in regard to the idea of forming a citizens panel looking to update the county farmland preservation portion of the comp plan by mid-2025. Several of our members had attended the meeting & shared info on the discussion. Brooklyn stated our desire to be a part of whatever panel/committee comes forward, to stay informed of action at the county level, and to help promote participation by other towns within GL Cty. & area farmers once harvest season has mostly been completed.

Mark Lindquist spoke on the discussion that he & Mike Jankowski had with Matt Kirkman at GL LUPZ office last month. We had some questions on the new building located at N5493 Cty. Rd. A. (This parcel is listed on the Aug. 2024 Land Use Permit report). Mark said they had met with the director for about 90 minutes. They learned that this project has had some issues with the builder, the proposed septic plan, setback issues and space use from its onset. Bottom line is that the project 'barely passes' what it required in all these areas, and that the permit was issued because legally it could not be denied.

Glen Schapfel brought several land use forms from Brooklyn used to approve or deny building projects in the town from 2022, when the Plan Commission was last active.

We compared estimated costs of building projects in the county from 2023 to 2024. Project cost estimates are based on values submitted to the county by the builder for the owner, this then translates into fees charged by the county for the actual permits issued. Aug. 2023 estimated proposed building cost, county wide, is listed at \$5,371,970.00 Aug. 2024 estimated proposed building cost, county wide is listed at \$4,762,745.00. TOTAL - Year to date Estimated building cost county wide in 2023 is \$31,747,375.00. TOTAL - Year to date Estimated building cost county wide in 2024 is \$41,307,440.00. This is an increase of roughly \$9.5 million dollars.

We discussed what is allowed by the county ordinances. Building height? Set back from adjoining property, and shore land. What is the allowable percentage of building space on a parcel? We talked about what is our role as a plan commission? Who enforces the ordinances? We proposed to individually look over our ordinances, review & bring back thoughts & ideas to our committee.

Our meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.