

November 25, 2024 **Planning Commission Meeting**

Town of Dodgeville

Plan Commission Meeting

Monday, November 25th, 2024

The Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission met on Monday, November 25th at 6:00 P.M. Planning Commission Chair Krista Dolan called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

Plan Commission Committee members in attendance were Curt Peterson, Peter Vanderloo and Mary Wilson. Absent were: Paul Lawinger, Julie Dolan and John Dunbar.

Planning Commission Chair Krista Dolan verified that proper notice of the public hearing was posted on November 20th, 2024 in accordance with WI Statutes 19.84 (3) at the Town Message Boards at Pleasant Ridge Store, Mueller Implement and the Town Office. Peter Vanderloo made a motion to approve the public notice and agenda. Curt Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Curt Peterson made a motion to approve the October 28th, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Peter Vanderloo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Sara Olson presented the previously requested flow chart breaking down what is required in the A-1 Ag & Open spaces area if you have 40 acres or more, 2 acres or more but less than 40 acres and if we amend the plan to allow an addition split opportunity. The Town Planning Commission members further discussed each of the bullet points from the flowchart in regards to the proposed amendment to the plan. The Planning Commission members discussed the required size of the parcel to be split off which was determined to be 2 acres, added additional wording to indicate it would only be allowed on non-cropland as defined in the ordinance and added an additional bullet point indicating that cropland that has been converted to pasture or woodland must be out of production for 5 years to qualify. The Planning Commission member also discussed and determined the definition of cropland which was the following: Cropland includes areas used for the production of adapted crops for harvest. Two subcategories of cropland are recognized: cultivated and non-cultivated. Cultivated cropland comprises land in row crops or close-grown crops and also other cultivated cropland, for example, hay land that is in rotation with row or close-grown crops. Non-cultivated cropland includes permanent hay land and horticultural cropland. Land that is in a set aside or government program is considered cropland. The Planning Commission members further discussed how the driveways for these parcels were going to be handled in regards to the required size as the driveways could be lengthy. The Planning Commission indicated that they would be discussing this issue as well as any other questions that the members brought forth at the December 30th Planning Commission meeting. Peter Vanderloo made a motion to adopt the proposed definition of cropland as well as the flowchart with the proposed changes previously discussed and changing the lot size to 2 acres. Curt Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Planning Commission will be further discussing the proposed amendment at the December 30th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting and will be holding a Public Hearing on January 27th at 6:00 p.m. in regards to the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mary Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Curt Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Olson, Clerk/Treasurer