

Dawes County Zoning Board

The Dawes County Zoning Board meeting was held at 250 Main St. at 7:00 P.M. on March 11, 2010. Vice Chairman Thorpe Thompson called the meeting to order. Per LB898 the Vice- Chairman announced the location of information concerning the Open Meeting Act. Roll was taken Present were: Dianne Johnson, Wayne Fisher, John Dagen, Thorpe Thompson, Ed Perrine and Vic Rivera. Absent: Jake Wasserburger, and Don Mandelko. Also present: Becky Paulson Zoning Administer. Guests present were: Glen Price, Freden Price, Gary Fisher, Roy Leibbrandt, Fred Hunn, Lorie Hunn, Jim O'Rourke, John Haynes, Karl Storjahann, John Schlicher, Jan Storjahann, Jerry Schumacher , Carol Wright, and Jim Wright.

The minutes were approved by consensus. Dagen moved to accept the minutes, Perrine seconded. Ayes: Johnson, Dagen, Thompson, Fisher, Rivera, Perrine. Motion carried.

Old Business

Glen Price/Hollibaugh Kennel: Mr. Price along with Becky have been discussing options for the kennel. At this time there is less than 10 dogs, so this does not constitute a kennel. Mr. Price stated that these dogs needed a place to go after being brought in from Canada. Mr. Price let Ms. Hollibaugh construct pens for the dogs not knowing that they needed a permit. Mr. Price stated the some of the dogs have been moved to a different location where Ms. Hollibaugh resides. Lorie and Fred Hunn addressed the board. They stated that you can hear the dogs barking as they live very close to the kennel. They also stated that there never seems to be anyone around as Ms. Hollibaugh does not reside there. In their opinion they would like to see her live there or the dogs removed. Adoption was brought up as an option for these dogs also. Someone brought up that maybe a nuisance law needs to be placed for such things as a kennel. There was much discussion on this topic and was decided that the Commissioners' would need to address that issue and it was felt that it would not be a good idea for Dawes County. Becky is going to keep working with the Prices to come up with a good solution for the dogs and the kennel.

There will be a public hearing on March 17 at 10:30 in the Commissioners' room on the Wind Tower Regulations

New Business

The floor was open to comments from the public on the zoning regulations. Mr. Storjohnn addressed the board on his feeling towards the zoning regulations. He did not know there was any regulations in place until he saw the article in the paper about our last meeting. He stated that he thinks that Dawes County does not need zoning and

there should not be a zoning administrator. He thinks that should have been brought before the public in a voting situation. Zoning has been in effect since 2001 and the Commissioners' at that time were the ones that approved zoning. It was stated that we put zoning into effect because of special valuation or green belt valuations. This has not been proven. Thompson stated that zoning protects all of the residents of the county. Gary Fisher stated that everyone needs to use common sense approach when making regulations. Mr. Leibbrandt stated that he does not want us to adopt the International Building Code. At the last meeting the board decided it did not want to implement this code at this time. We might use some of the wording to clarify our current regulations. Carol Wright asked if they needed a permit to construct any building on their land. It was stated that they would need to talk to the assessor and also fill out a compliance permit. Also portable buildings were discussed. The assessor is the one who decides how to classify these types of buildings.

Building Permits: There was an open discussion on whether the county needs to charge a fee for a permit. It was felt that the county does not need the money for the permits so why charge. We do need to be more specific that everyone needs a compliance permit to build in the county.

Our next meeting is April 15, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Dianne Johnson

Secretary