

Monday September 18,2023

Belle Plaine community Center

07:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. Alvin Bartz Zoning Administrator called to order a Special Zoning Committee Meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss adding requirements the town of Belle Plaine would need in its ordinance in case a resident of Belle Plaine would request being able to open a campground or camp resort. At this time the town does not have anything in its ordinance. It was intended to be brainstorming meeting only with no action taken for adding to the towns zoning ordinance.

Present for roll call were Alvin, Aaron Retzlaff, Richard Pahlow, Bonnie Utke and Dick Hesse .

There were 24 citizens present.

Alvin talked to the zoning committee saying that in our town there may be some places a campground would work. He stated they should have enough activities for campers like many places do. He used an example of on the Embarrass River where campers could tube, kayak or fish. He has been driving in other areas to see how their campgrounds are set up.

The members read over some examples of campground ordinances from some of the surrounding areas. Aaron stated Dupont was the only one that only required 5 acres, the rest all required 10 or more.

Alvin said that all the examples had recreational areas and should not be on a main road.

Seneca and other areas close by use Shawano County Zoning as their guidelines.

Richard stated that we would want minimal traffic.

Aaron noted that Wescott has a generator clause in their camping ordinance.

Bonnie gave examples of some of the campgrounds she has been at, they need to have rules and a secure way for campers to get in and out not allowing anyone to enter that shouldn't be there.

The conversation then switched to questions concerning RVs. Are they allowed to come in to visit relatives and stay with them for a week or so. Do they need to have a permit? What about residents that have extra land and want to park their RV by their garage is this ok? The Committee had many questions, what should the zoning be to allow RVs or campers to be stored by someone's property?

The zoning Committee decided that they would like to use the town of Wescott as a starting place of requirements that we may want in our ordinance. They noticed it was identical to Shawano Counties except for a few additions they had added. The Committee will do some more research prior to the next meeting and may add or take things out of what Wescott now has.

Dick Hesse made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wade Wisnefske, all in favor none opposed motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm

Kristine Vomastic Clerk

