

Ag Land Preservation Committee meeting minutes 9/28/2017

Meeting called to order by Chair Duane Elfering.

Public Notice was approved on motion by Mary Davis, 2nd by Doug Reeson and Carried.

Committee Attendance: Duane Elfering, Dave Hageman, Doug Reeson, Mary Davis, Nancy Meyers and Jerry Zander. Excused Reid Formo

Motion by Jerry Zander and 2nd by Doug Reeson to approve the 8/21/17 minutes. Elfering, Zander, Reeson and Hageman voting yes. Meyers and Davis voted No. Motion Carried 4 to 2.

Duane explained the handouts

- Aerial of 1.02 acre lot with house and shed
- Scott Godfrey's explanation of density
- Town of Blue Mounds Comprehensive Plan on density
- Town of Ridgeway Comprehensive Plan on density

Opened up for public input

- Discussion followed up from Monday nights Land use meeting
- More discussion on prime soils and most agreed we should be calling it productive Ag Land
- Tami Bowser and Otis Nelson brought up protecting water quality followed by discussions

Changes/Additions/Deletions to Section 5

- 5.1.2 Production Farmland Soils needs to be better defined
- 5.3.3 Add Birch Lake as a recreation resource
- 5.5.1 Limit residential building on productive crop land per USDA maps. 4 members in favor of. 2 members had no comment
- 5.5.2 Recommend going to a density level vs current 5 acre lot.
 - 1 committee member favored 1/20acre
 - 3 committee members agreed to 1/35
 - 2 members had no comment
- 5.5.5 Clarity on rules for Class I, II, III soils would be changed if plan changes.

Other recommendations

- Develop a Birch Lake maintenance fund or Develop a park board
- Recommend township continues offering water testing to residences

Jerry Zander made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Doug Reeson