

TOWN OF BYRON

Plan Commission Hearing
Mike and Cathy Kindler N3270 Oaklane Rd.
May 2, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Byron Town Hall

Roll Call: Steve Wessing, Randy Faber, George Trewin, Aaron Buckarma, Tom Kelroy, Rudy Dubnicka

Public Present: Tim Hackbarth, Mary Laudolff, Kay Murre, Dan Bates, Andrea Mcgee

Call to Order: Steve Wessing called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Confirm Posting: Steve confirmed that the meeting had been publicly posted and read the legal notice aloud.

Purpose: Rezone approximately 2 acres of property from General Agriculture to Residential.

Discussion: Tom Kelroy made a motion to table the rezoning hearing due to the fact that the Kindler's were not present at the hearing. In the application it states that Owner and Applicant must be present at the hearing. Aaron Buckarma seconded motion. Motion passed.

Discussion: Topic of domesticated chickens/ducks in Residential districts. The Plan Commission Members agreed that the ordinance would need to be amended in the Residential District to allow this as a permitted use (REF 5.25) of the ordinance. Tom Kelroy mentioned that an open meeting with the town could be helpful. Committee members were in agreement that a discussion with the town attorney is needed regarding the issue. Other thoughts were on lot size and number of animal units per lot size, could the Town Grandfather those who are not in compliance and if not in compliance rectify the issue before any amendment. Committee also reviewed the Oconto County (Notice to Adjacent Property Owners: Intent to Raise Domesticated Chickens and Ducks.

Public Comments: Dan Bates spoke out regarding his property and him having 12 chickens in a Business District and having 3 acres. He has contained them well and likes to raise these birds. The committee made mention that as the ordinance stands he would not be in compliance at this time. Kay Murre spoke regarding other townships and their ordinances. Andrea Mcgee has approximately 10 chicks and agreed with Dan that she enjoyed this country lifestyle of raising chickens.

Discussion: Steve Wessing then brought up the review and redefinition of the Top Soil Removal permit. The committee agreed that there was a lot of variables within the section (REF 12.622) in the ordinance. The majority of the committee's thoughts were regarding the amount that could be removed in a 5 year span. The committee would like the opinion of the town attorney regarding this issue and what other townships are using

in their ordinance. Thoughts of limiting per acre, and including this within the building permit were discussed.

Public Comments: Mary Laudolff made comments regarding the permits and how many times a permit needs to be issued.

Adjournment: Aaron made motion to adjourn. George seconded. Motion passes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.