



PINE COUNTY LAND SERVICES

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County Zoning Ordinance Work Session Meeting Notes August 20, 2018 – 6:30PM Old School Arts Center - Sandstone

Attendance: Don Schirmer, New Dosey Township; Gary Valvoda, Royalton Township & Pine County Zoning Board; Skip Thomsen, Sandstone Township & Pine County Zoning Board; Ray Thieling, Ogema Township; Susan Grill, Kettle River Township; Debra Lundquist, Mission Creek Township; Richard Glattly, Norman Township & Pine County Zoning Board; Ailene Croup, Pick News, David Fornengo, New Dosey Township; Terry O'Rourke, Nickerson Township; Harry Bloom, Nickerson Township; Bernice Marier, Nickerson Township; Matt Ludwig, Pine County Commissioner, Gary Stitt, Partridge Township; Anne Stitt, Partridge Township; Ovid Jensen, Partridge Township; Jenny Christensen, Chengwatana Township, Caleb Anderson, Pine County Land & Resources Manager, Kelly Schroeder, Pine County Land Services Director; David Minke, Pine County Administrator.

Staff provided an overview of the district purposes document, lot and building standards document, and district uses document. Staff noted the AG2/AG4 means an ag district that allows 2 lots per 40 acres, and an ag district that allows 4 lots per 40 acres. The RR5/RR10/RR20 means Rural Residential District that has 5 acre minimums, a Rural Residential District that has 10 acre minimums, and a Rural Residential District that has 20 acre minimums.

Questions and answers were given on several of the items. It was noted these items will all be reviewed in detail in the small groups. Staff noted they had also compiled a spreadsheet of all the details of the recorded township ordinances which was posted on the wall for reference. It is an important tool to know what is currently working or not working.

Two groups reviewed the documents for approximately 45 minutes.

Group 1 spent quite a bit of time on the lot and building standards. It is noted the idea of minimum buildable area is disliked. The group also felt the side yard setbacks needed to be larger and depend on the overall lots sizes. The group disliked allowing Quad type residences in any district, as they felt those fit more with apartments and should fall under that category. There was much discussion on Second Dwellings on properties and it was concluded a clear definition would be needed. The group grouped the agritourism with Event/Wedding venues and discussed there needs to be a clear separation between large commercial telecommunication towers and personal use telecommunication towers such as those Ham Radio operators may have as a hobby.

Group 2 spent their time reviewing the districts uses table. They made some changes to the proposed permitted, not permits, and conditional/interim use permit areas. They noted definitions are going to be the key in many of the instances. They noted they prefer having the Conditional Use Permit/Interim Use Permit option over only having a conditional use permit option.

Each group reported to the larger group there discussions. Based on these discussions, it is noted that the definitions will be the key to decided if many of the uses will be permitted, not permitted or allowable with a conditional/interim use. Staff is directed to draft the definitions and report back in September.