

Town of Namakagon

Comprehensive Planning Commission

Minutes from November 3, 2021 meeting

Committee Members in attendance: Sarah Boles, Linda Kraft, Jim Krueger and Larry Pribyl

In attendance: Tischner family, Jerome Malmquist, Jack McGregor

Sarah B called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Sept 1st meeting minutes were approved. Motion: Jim K Second: Larry P

Linda K made a motion that the meeting secretary duties rotates to each member based on alphabetical order and if a person missed their turn, they catch up at the next meeting. Second: Larry P The motion passed. Larry P agreed to start.

The only business discussed was the Tischer family's request for a Special Use Permit to allow a Hobby Farm in the area currently zoned F1 (Forest). The discussion was as follows:

Larry P thanked the Tischer family for the letter describing their intent and said it was well written (letter included after the minutes). He went on to say that the Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) initially recommended against the special use permit because of the legal precedent that "what ever you do for one person, you have to do for others in the same situation" and that the CPC did not want to have the potential for a bunch of hobby farms in F1 zoning. Currently there are no hobby farms in Namakagon's F1 zones.

Linda K said the F1 zoning is for Forest and basically agreed with Larry

Jim K reminded everyone that the CPC does not decide and can only make recommendations to the town of Namakagon based on how the request fits with the Comprehensive Plan. Jim K also said this is the first time that a hobby farm has been requested for a F1 zone in Namakagon and we want to insure everything is done right.

Sarah B read the section of the Comprehensive Plan that applies... In short, which is to protect the forest including its natural animals, plants, waters, etc.

Sarah B also said that we have not heard from the National Forest Service, from the DNR or from the neighbors for the Tischer family. Sarah also pointed out that the F1 area has Blue Martins which are a protected species and that there are nearby wetlands and a wild rice lake. Sarah also pointed out the DNR may require an Endangered Resources Review

Jim K said that he will ask the Namakagon town clerk to get any feedback from the National Forest Service, DNR and Tischner neighbors that Bayfield county zoning has.

No recommendation to the town from the CPC was made.

Jim K made a motion that: If the National Forest Service has a positive response with no objection to the Special Permit and a positive response from the DNR does not require and Endangered Resources Review or if it does require a review and the review says the Special Permit is okay and that the Tischner neighbors have no objection and the Special Permit has the limitations as listed in the Tischner letter plus as stated by the Tischner's at the meeting that the fencing will be inside the property, not at the property lines, that the fence will also be underground and that any needed area will be covered to protect predators from dropping in from overhead and that predators would be trapped and released and that trees will not be removed to clear pastures. Then the CPC would communicate to the Town of Namakagon that while not supportive of the Tischner Special Use Permit it would not object to it as violating the Comprehensive Plan. Second Sarah B Motion passed.

Jim K said nothing new to report from Town of Namakagon meetings

No public comments or new business was brought up

Next scheduled meeting if needed is Wednesday December 1st at 7:00 p.m. at the Namakagon Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. Motion: Jim K Second: Linda K

Minutes respectfully submitted by Larry P

From: Jessica Tischer <horsey_chick81@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:22 PM
To: namakagon@cheqnet.net
Subject: Tischer land use permit u

To whom it may concern:

We are seeking a permit to have animals on our property to better our family's life. We value teaching our children how to take responsibility for their health. A big part of that is consuming healthy, organic meat and we feel that a great way to teach that is to have them be part of raising their own food.

The animals that we are desiring to have are animals that we've raised in the past and are wanting to raise again. We strongly desire a dairy cow and to have dairy we must have 1 calf a year which would then be our meat cow. So we would only have 2 cows at a time. In addition, we would like the option to have ducks, geese, chickens, turkeys, sheep, pigs, and goats. Those animals would be rotated for a variety of meat so we wouldn't have them all at the same time nor all every year. They are only for our family's consumption. We only like to keep meat for one year, so we would only be raising enough animals that our family could consume in one year.

We also value a high quality, organic compost. So, all of the manure would be put into our compost pile. When it is fully composted, we would then use it for gardening, planting trees, and flower beds. Our property is not close to any wetland and our property is dry.

As responsible animal owners, we take the safety of our animals very seriously. We do not want our animals to be attacked by a predator because then our animals would suffer. It also is in our best interest to preserve the health of our animals because they are a large investment that we are depending on to fill our fridge and freezer. We understand that we live in an area that has predators. That is why we will be taking a multi step process to keep the predators away.

1. A 6' tall perimeter fence. This will consist of barbed wire every 3" starting 3" above the ground and going all the way to the top of the fence. Also, there will be several strands of electrified wire on this perimeter fence.
2. A multiple strand Electric fence surrounding the area that the animals are kept (pasture).
3. A guardian sheep dog(s) either inside the 6' tall perimeter fence or within the actual fence that is containing the animals. These dogs are very large and live outside with the farm animals. It is their instinct to keep predators away from the farm animals by being awake at night, pacing the fence, and barking if they sense a predator. We have heard great things about this breed of dogs and their ability to keep predators away.

We value the area that we live in and love living surrounded by the national forest and all its wildlife. We feel strongly that we can raise our own organic meat while also keeping the forest animals safe. Thank you for your consideration.

The Tischer Family

Sent from my iPhone