

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 08/20/2008

Members present: Dan Bauer, Todd Bjersted, Peter Bloch, Lillie-Jean Awsumb

The committee began a comparative study of the St. Croix County Subdivision Ordinance with the perceived needs of Kinnickinnic Township utilizing a worksheet developed by Dan Bauer. We continued to list questions for the county when we meet with them regarding interpretation and acceptance of what we want to accomplish

Discussion specifically dealt with (i) creating a “phased usage plan” towards creating compatibility between agricultural and residential; (ii) whether or not to expand the townships involvement in watershed issues; (iii) the realistic ability to create contiguous open space throughout the township in a land management plan; (iv) how to encourage CDD in large parcel development through ordinance specifics; (v) design standards for open space including individual ownership, association ownership within a cluster development, and retained farming ownership, all with conservation easements.

Further discussion revolved around the ensuing Boundary Agreement negotiations with River Falls and how the Township might modify their Subdivision Ordinance to that end. Peter Bloch adamantly opposed that course stating that our overall Land Use and subsequent Ordinance should be independent of any Agreement with the City of River Falls.

The two new members of the Land Use Committee still need to duplicate the tour(s) before our next scheduled meeting on September 3, 2008 with Dan Bauer and Todd Bjersted. This exercise is to accelerate the visual appreciation for Design Elements and how they relate to overall density.

The next meeting will continue with the comparative study.

The Committee will meet again 3:00 PM September 3, 2008.