

## **Town of Rock- Town of Rock Ad Hoc committee public meeting**

**Monday, September 17th- 7:00pm, Town Hall**

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:10 by Jim Schmidt.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was recited.

**Board Members present;** Pete Winistorfer, Greg Mueller, Louis Krainz, Lisa Wallis **Zoning Commission;** Harry Wallis, Jeff Meiners, Darcy Krenn **Members of the Ad Hoc Frac Sand Mining Impact Assessment Committee (FSMIAC) present;** Jim Schmidt, Kay Varsho, Jeff Ott, David Venske, Lizz Drexler. **Attorney Present;**

**Introduction of Attorney for the Town of Rock;** Larry Konopacki, from Staffird Rosenbaum, LLC

**Members of the Public Present:** Significant numbers of public in attendance and a list was passed around and is on file in the clerk's office.

### **Public Comments**

Realtors gave information on property value from studies stating the loss of property value of those who boarder mines, as well as percentages of lost property value from those properties away from the mine site. They also cited unforeseen environmental occurrences that have happened in other town's mines that had a significant impact on property value. One citizen asked if there are any studies on property value after reclamation occurred, but no one knew of any studies. One person cited a case in Trempealeau County who's conditional use permit was denied due to environmental and health concerns, and wants the zoning commission to look at why and how they did won their case. A homeowner who boards the proposed mine said she does not want a camp or park for the reclamation because of noise but wants it instead returned to forest/agriculture land. Concern that this mine will set precedent that more mines will come in. One citizen wondered if the mine could operate without the sand washing aspect. Another citizen wondered if there could be a set limit on the conditional use permit, Attorney Konopacki stated there could be and that it could be modified down the road as well, depends on the terms set forth by the zoning committee and Coulee Frac Sand, LLC.

### **Old Business**

As discussed at previous meetings, Jim Schmidt inquired about getting an environmental lawyer to assist attorney Konopacki, however he could not find one available at the time. Kay Varsho said she was able to get a town mailing list for mass mailers.

### **New Business**

Chairman Schmidt read a summary of FSMAIC's conclusions of recommendations, which included some of the recommendations for the conditional use permit. He stated that the committee conducted research that A) collected as much information as was possible in the limited time allotted, and B)

collected information from trusted and verified sources. Motion to accept the recommendations made by FSMIAC was made by Lizz Drexler, Jeff Ott seconded the motion. **Motion carried 4-1.**

Harry Wallis, Zoning commissioner, thanked the FSMIAC for their work. The zoning committee will go thru the recommendations and conduct their own research. Commissioner Wallis set the next meeting for Monday, September 24th, which will include public comment. All members of the public are welcome.

**Adjournment:** Kay Varsho moved to adjourn the meeting: Dave Venzke seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 5-0.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Lizz Drexler, Ad Hoc Committee Secretary**