

Town of McMillan

Special Plan Commission Meeting

14 August 2023, 6:00 p.m. (1800)

Approved Minutes

- Call to Order
- Roll Call: Dorothy Olson – present; Debbie Davis – present; Bruce Wineman – present; Tammy Wenzel – absent; Russ Kollmansberger – present.
- Chapter 17 – Determine our definition of “fowl”: Debbie Davis read the current options for defining the word “fowl” for Marathon County, Conservation Zoning and Planning as it pertains to the petition from the Town of Knowlton. There was a brief discussion relative to what was sent to the Plan Commission and one Town Board Supervisor, Carolyn Opitz, (there were two other members, Debbie Derfus, Chairman and Dave Swenson present) had been given the information sent by the County and made copies for the Plan Commission members present to review. This has come to the Plan Commission so we can make a recommendation to the Town Board for them to be able to register the Town of McMillan’s wishes to the Marathon County, CPZ. This is important since the Town of McMillan has County Zoning. This has come to be considered because the Town of Knowlton, of Marathon County, has made a Resolution on 2023-6-12. It was requested that Marathon County amend regulations on chickens as follows: Under Chapter 17.204.01 the proposed wording: for Rural Estate, Rural Residential, Low Density Residential and Urban Residential Zoning districts be: Minimum lot size for housing chickens and fowl is ½ acre for up to 6 chickens or fowl, 1 acre for up to 12 chicken or fowl. It was discussed and determined that the relevance of the word “Fowl” was that it included a series of avians that would not fit in the close environment as described by the Petition. The discussion, ultimately, came to conclusion that, given the size of the property described should require that the word “Fowl” should be struck from the allowed avians and only chickens be in the description. The removal of the zoning definition: Rural Estate should not be included. In addition, Marathon County’s exclusion of “roosters” was implied. The recommendation by the Plan Commission was to strike the word “Fowl” and the zoning district of Rural Estate from the verbiage in the Petition and state that the Town of McMillan would consider the establishment of the ability to have 6 chickens (exclusive of roosters) on a ½ acre lot and 12 chickens (exclusive of roosters) on a 1 acre lot. The motion was to keep the word ‘chicken(s)’ (exclusive of roosters) and remove the word ‘fowl’ and the zoning district, Rural Estate as our recommendation. Move to make this recommendation – Bruce Wineman; Second – Russ Kollmansberger. Voice Vote: In favor – All Aye; Opposed – None.
- Adjourn: Move to adjourn – Debbie Davis; Second – Bruce Wineman. Vote: In favor – All aye; Opposed – None.
- Prepared by Bruce Wineman, Secretary.