

Minutes from the Public Hearing - Town of Trenton

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 – 7:20 P.M.

Place: Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Present: Chairman Joe Gonnering, Supervisor Ed Doerr (arrived 7:25 PM), Supervisor John Norman, Town Clerk Barbara Davies, Zoning Administrator Frank Mayer.

Chairman Gonnering called the Public Hearing to order at 7:20 PM. Gonnering read the notice of Public Hearing called to consider the petition of Walter and Ethel Carter, 2260 E. Sandy Acre, West Bend, WI 53090 for a Conditional Use Permit to be issued in accordance with Article 1, Section 158-5, for a kennel license for the keeping of up to twelve (12) dogs. 2260 E. Sandy Acre is presently used for the following purposes: residential. Notice of the Public Hearing was published as required and mailed to all neighboring property owners in the Town of Trenton.

Chairman Gonnering read a letter submitted by Glenn Butts, 609 Sandy Acre (City of West Bend), stating opposition to the application because it is too close to adjoining properties. Butts mentioned the possibility of noise, odor, and questioned whether there was adequate exercise space in the Carters' yard for the dogs. Gonnering also read parts of a letter received from Phil Hanson, 6558 Sandy Acre Drive. Hanson requested that the permit be denied, questioning a kennel's impact on his property value should he decide to sell. He also stated that Carters currently have a dog that continuously barks at him whenever he is outside.

Gonnering asked for any comments from anyone present at the Hearing.

Connie Krukowski introduced herself as Walter and Ethel Carter's daughter. Krukowski said the dogs will not be outside for any length of time. The dogs don't bark unless they see a cat or rabbit. Krukowski said the dogs are Shih Tzus, small dogs. They only go outside to relieve themselves. Krukowski said she is trying to sell a litter of puppies.

Paul Tuchscherer, 6543 Sandy Acre, said he already has a neighbor (City of West Bend) with a kennel permit from the City. Tuchscherer commented that twelve dogs is a lot of dogs.

Florence Tuchscherer, 6551 Sandy Acre, said that she agreed with Mr. Butts' comments.

Dorothy Weber, 6559 Sandy Acre, questioned whether this will be a puppy mill. Weber did not think the Town should encourage the operation of a puppy mill.

Walter Carter, applicant, said it is not a puppy mill. Carter said he raises only one litter a year.

Mary Puestow, 2255 E. Sandy Acre, said that the City of West Bend allows two dogs per residence. Puestow pointed out that Sandy Acre borders the City and has a similar residential density. She did not think that twelve dogs would be a good fit in the area.

Louis Weber, 6559 Sandy Acre, said that he now enjoys a nice quiet neighborhood, and did not want that to change.

Allen Puestow, 2255 E. Sandy Acre, questioned the noise that might come from twelve dogs. Puestow felt this would make the neighborhood look bad.

Paul Tuchscherer asked the Plan Commission and the Town Board to seriously consider the comments of the residents.

Connie Krukowski, daughter of applicants, again stated that these are small dogs. The dogs go outside in shifts to minimize noise and barking.

Allen Puestow, 2255 E. Sandy Acre, said he felt that the value of his house would drop if people find out there's a kennel in the neighborhood.

Chairman Gonnering asked three times for any further questions or comments. There were no further questions or comments. Gonnering closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Davies
Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting:

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