

**TOWN OF SPRING GREEN INFORMATIONAL MEETING
REZONING HEARING FOR PINELANDS JUNE 26, 2007**

The informational meeting was called to order by Benny Stenner and was posted according to law. The Board will act on the rezoning hearing at the July 5 meeting.

Present at the meeting were 2 members of the Sauk County Planning & Zoning office, Steve Sorenson and Brian Zimmer and the towns Assessor Michael Rogers and Towns Attorney Natalie Bussan.

Brian Zimmer started out the hearing as to the time table when Sauk County and the State of WI. Started the Zoning for subdivisions. Ellen and Kitchen Add, was started in 1856 and 1849 and Pinelands started in 1965 with 1st addition in 1966. Brian also stated the codes for subdivisions and that no animals were allowed in single family residential plates. The Town wants to grandfather all existing animals and buildings in the district until the animals die or the owners move or sell their property.

Several residents asked why the rezoning was need now. It was stated that the Town wanted to correct and future problems as the population grows in the Pinelands and that the zoning was all residential and not part of Ag zoning.

John McKenna spoke of several areas that should not be rezoned because of the old dump site near Lone Rock. Several others asked why the present rules were not inforced. Carl Randal, Kathy Ulmething, Kathy Wyman, Herman Kaldenburg, Michael from Wismar, Vicky Kurkam, Bill Mertens, Sue Tatar, Joe Tatar, Rob Crook al Ikler, Pat Fisholts, John Formal, Jan Francis, Cecilia Farney, Luanne Radel, Scott Prem, Don Brander, Dave Chuchman, and Dean DuCharm. Dean Ducharm asked if he was in ag zoning now and was changed to residential single family would he be allowed to have as big a building as in ag. Steve Sorenson said it would not be allowed except for 1200 sq, feet unless it got a special permit from the County. There are several Sauk County ordinances for Cottage Industries and or Home Industrials that still would be allowed and that would not change Brian Zimmer stated the difference of both.

Most residents stated that they didn't have concerns about animals and were asking if their property taxes would go up, the Towns assessor stated that all areas are already assessed as residential property and that would not affect the taxes.

One of the biggest concerns by most of the residents was the lack of enforcements by Sauk County for violations already taking place. Steve Sorenson said that he was not staffed enough to handle all the complaints.

The Board will act on the hearing at the July 5 meeting and send their request to the County Planning & Zoning Office.

Submitted by
James Blau Town Clerk