

Minutes from the Public Hearing – Town of Trenton

Date and Time: September 13, 2022 – 7:20 P.M.

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

Prior to the Public Hearing, notice was properly published in the Daily News.

Town Board Supervisors present: Chairman Joe Gonnering, Supervisor Jeff Esselmann.

Others Present: Town Attorney Tim Schoonenberg.

Plan Commissioners Present: Bob Roden, Tony Thoma, Ray Werhand, Joan Baumgartner, Dennis Kay, Scott Schweizer, Plan Commission Alternate Jay Koenitzer.

Chairman Joe Gonnering called the Public Hearing to order at 7:22 P.M. Gonnering read the Notice of Public Hearing called to consider the application of James J. Stefaniak and Julie M. Sueoka, 7165 N. Poplar Road, Town of Trenton, for a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 380, Zoning, Article IV, Conditional Uses, of the Town of Trenton Zoning Ordinances. The Conditional Use Permit Application seeks a permit in accordance with Town of Trenton Ordinance Section 380-50 Industrial and Agricultural Uses, Zoning, Exclusive Agricultural District, Conditional Uses Permitted in Exclusive Agricultural Districts, specifically Section 380-50(F), permitting the boarding of horses in EA Agricultural Districts. The property which is the subject of this application is located at 7165 N. Poplar Road, West Bend, WI 53090, Tax Key T11-0058.

Gonnering asked for any questions or comments. Gonnering stated that each person wishing to speak would have two minutes to speak and stated that repetition would not be allowed.

Gonnering asked Barb Davies for any written correspondence or comments. Davies read a letter from attesting to the care of the horses from Lisa Borzynski, DVM Wisconsin Equine Clinic & Hospital; and reported a phone call from Ann Buddenhagen who stated she had no objections to the application as long as all activities were conducted on the property owned by Sueoka and Stefaniak. Davies also noted a letter received from Paul Sebo reporting that corrections would need to be made to the area where the manure is currently piled. A manure storage facility permit will be needed if the current area is left as is with concrete blocks in place.

Gonnering asked for comments from those in attendance.

Michael Bazelon – horses are well cared for.

Greg Steinmetz – asked how long this has been a boarding facility.

Julie Fischer – has been boarding there for over 10 years. Has a foster child who has benefitted from the horses.

Diane Horner – boards there, best place boarding place she has used.

Amy Ambrosio – boarding there over three years, her horse is in good shape and gets good care.

Mrs. Bazelon – has been boarding there for six years, still there because horses get good care.  
Elizabeth Brown – boards there, also would volunteer to do erosion control work/assessment.  
Samantha Brose – best boarding place I have been at.  
Caitlin Lengers – good facility, good care.  
Claire Wojnowiak – boards two horses there, good care.

Plan Commissioner Ray Werhand asked to hear from the neighbors of the Sueoka/Stefaniaks, Gary and Kathleen Lauters. Kathy Lauters said that her issues have nothing to do with the how the horses are treated. Lauters said that she is concerned about the erosion and resulting drainage onto her property from the area where the horses are corralled, and the manure storage.

Loud raucous talk and yelling followed, drowning out anything further that was said. Lauters was openly ridiculed by the Sueoka/Stefaniak supporters and was unable to complete her comments.

Gonnering asked three times for any comments from anyone who had not already had the chance to speak. There were no further comments.

Gonnering closed the Public Hearing at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Davies  
Clerk of the Plan Commission

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted at the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board and the official Town of Trenton website *townoftrenton.wi.gov* on Tuesday 9/20/22. Barbara Davies, Clerk of the Plan Commission.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval at the Plan Commission Meeting of October 11, 2022.