

**Minutes of the July 31, 2024 meeting of the Sawyer County
Tourist Rooming House Sub Committee
Board; Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual**



Voting Committee Members Present (X)

- ☒ Ginny Chabek – Chair Y Y
- ☒ Phil Nies – Vice Chair Y Y
- ☒ Tweed Shuman Y Y
- ☒ Stacey Hessel Y Y
- ☒ Marshal Savitski N Y
- ☐ Jim Tiffany - excused
- ☐ Jon Vollmers
- ☒ Cheryl Treland N Y
- ☒ DJ Damanske N Y
- ☒ Martin Hanson N Y
- ☒ Ryan Cari – virtual – left @ 11:40 am
- ☒ Laura Rusk N Y

Others Present

- ☒ Lynn Fitch
- ☒ Jay Kozlowski - virtual
- ☒ Eric Wellauer – left the meeting at 11:06 am
- ☒ Matt McKay
- ☒ Julia Lyons
- ☐ Doug Mrotek
- ☒ Andy Albarado
- ☒ Brian DeVries – left the meeting at 11:14 am
- ☐ Rick Peters
- ☒ Julie McCallum

Others Present

Rebecca Roeker - virtual

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance– Chair Chabek called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll call was taken; quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, Debra Sira (sp), Jean Gillner, Brian Gillner, Kevin Kroll, Chris Bedwell, Doug Kurtzweil, Jim Bassett, Barbara Bolitho

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Motion to approve made by: Mr. Nies

Second by: Mr. Shuman

Motion carried without negative vote.

Brief Introduction of Ad Hoc Committee Members --

Members at the table introduced themselves as well as those online.

Brief Update/Review of Ad Hoc Committee Process so Far --

Ms. Chabek provided a recap of the motions that were made at previous meetings. The WCA draft ordinance is now being based off of zoning ordinances and the timing is open-ended. Updates to the last revision of the proposed ordinance were mentioned. The new version defines the process and defines capacity based on state statues. Reviews of other ordinances were considered in the development of the draft. When the original process was started years ago, the County had 50 TRH units and today there are 599, a drastic growth. The 4/9/24 draft is the last copy that had been considered and the most current version from July is the one being considered for review today. Ms. Hessel left the room at 10:48 and returned at 10:51 am.

FAQ Document and Data --

Mr. Albarado reviewed the DATA education piece that was included in the packet. Owner demographics, a graph of TRH growth, a breakout by municipality, volume of TRH's within the state, among other charts were included. Sawyer County is the third from the top in the list of counties within the State of Wisconsin having TRH units. A chart of

county ordinance/standards was also included along with an FAQ document. Mr. Shuman left the room at 11:01 am and returned at 11:03 am.

Updated Draft Ordinance --

Mr. McKay verbally reviewed the changes that were made in the revised version of the ordinance.

Next Steps --

A motion was made by Mr. Shuman to approve the revised version of the draft ordinance and send on to HHS for a public hearing; second by Ms. Hessel. Several recommendations for edits to consider were mentioned by committee members during the discussion period including requiring a sign providing contact information of the owner/agent. A roll call vote was taken and failed 4-5 with “yes” votes from Shuman, Hessel, Nies, and Chabek; “nay” votes from Savitski, Treland, Rusk, Hanson, Damanske.

A motion was made by Ms. Treland to take into consideration the requests that were made during discussion and provide a revised version to HHS staff; second by Mr. Hanson. A roll call vote was taken and carried without negative vote.

Future Agenda Items –

Adjournment – 11:55 pm

Next Meeting: August 22, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk