

**MINUTES  
MARATHON COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

.Members present: Roger Zimmerman, Arnold Schlei, Gerald Hoffman, Karen Piel

Members not present: Richard Lawson, Jim Servi, Carolyn Opitz

Also present: Teal Fyksen, Cindy Kraeger, and Diane Hanson, Dominique Swangstu, Mark Guenther and Kathy Guenther

**Called to order** at 9:00 a.m., 210 River Drive, Wausau by Vice Chair Piel, who explained the **rules of the hearing** and the reason for the establishment of the Board of Adjustment.

**1. Approve May 23, 2019 minutes – Motion** / second by Schlei / Zimmerman to approve May 23, 2019 minutes as distributed. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

**2. The application** of Mark & Kathy Guenther for a conditional use permit per Section 17.204.07 of the General Code of Ordinances for Marathon County Chapter 17 Zoning Code for a kennel and pet boarding facility located in the G-A General Agriculture district, on property described as part of the N ½, NW Fr ¼ pt of NW ¼ NE ¼ Lot 1 Certified Survey Map Volume 73, Page 99, Doc # 1591135, Section 31, T26N, R7E, Town of Knowlton (PIN # 048.2607.312.0999) with a property address of 201700 Saint Johns Road, Mosinee, WI 54455.

Teal Fyksen was sworn in, asked the Board to use the distributed determination worksheets in their decisions and cited the provisions of law which apply. Exhibit 1 – Staff report: Town of Knowlton has adopted county zoning. The property is located in shoreland zoning and part of the property is located in mapped wetlands, but is not located in mapped floodplain. There are no known violations on the site. Exhibit 2 – Petition for Conditional Use Permit application. Exhibit 3 – Narrative proposal. Exhibit 4 – Proposed building diagram. Exhibit 5 – Proposed site overview. Exhibit 6 – Location within township. Exhibit 7 – Surrounding zoning. Exhibit 8 – Town future land use. Exhibit 9 – Aerial photo. Exhibit 10 – Town of Knowlton resolution.

Fyksen discussed Ordinance Section 17.204.07 related to the kennel and pet boarding facility. Applicant is working with a plumber to meet state sanitary system requirements. Fyksen stated lighting will be minimal along with no signage and a gravel parking pad. Applicant will meet any other required applicable regulations.

Kathy Guenther was sworn in and is the owner of the parcel. The dog lodge would be located in among 55 acres. The property is set in the woods; with a 200ft. +/- setback from the nearest property line. The lodge will be a luxury lodge which would provide temporary boarding and care of certain breeds of dogs during daytime and nighttime hours accommodating up to 20 dogs. There will be no breeding or selling of dogs. There will be no outdoor kennels. Traffic will be minimal due to the operating hours. There will be fencing around the facility which includes 1' underground and 6' fences. There will be no employees. The applicant verbally amended the hours of operation to no specific hours versus what was stated on the application.

Vice Chair Piel asked for any additional testimony.

There was no additional testimony in favor, opposed, or as interest may appear. Testimony portion of the hearing closed at 9:30 a.m.

**Motion** / second by Schlei / Zimmerman to **grant** the conditional use request, without any additional conditions.

The Board deliberated and completed the Conclusion of Law and Decision Sheet.

Motion **carried** 4 yes, 0 no, roll call vote.

**3. Board education and trainings as needed** – None.

**4. Announcements and Requests** – Dick Lawson and Roger Zimmerman reappointed for a 3 year term expiring on June 30, 2022.

**Next meeting date** – September 26, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., 210 River Drive, Wausau.

**5. Meeting adjourned** – **Motion** / second by Zimmerman / Schlei to adjourn at 9:35 a.m. Motion **carried** by voice vote, no dissent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arnold Schlei, Secretary  
Marathon County Board of Adjustment

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