

**Billings County Zoning Meeting**  
**July 15, 2021**

**Members present:** Karen Putnam, Todd Corneil, Dean Rodne, Cathy Cerkoney, Anita Kessel, Steven Klym, Connie Kasian

**Others present:** Zoning Director Stacey Swanson, Deputy Zoning Director Deanna Baranko, Deputy Auditor Jonna Bertelsen, TRPL Representatives Amy McCann and Jen Burke-Jackson

**Others present, remotely:** Marcus Boykin and TRPL Representative Ken Vein

The meeting was called to order by Steve Klym at 1:00 pm.

Anita Kessel moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 regular zoning meeting. Cathy Cerkoney seconded. All voted aye.

Representatives from the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library (TRPL) were present to give the zoning board updates on the timeline for the TRPL and what they will be doing on a day to day basis. Amy McCann started by giving information on the duties that she does for the library along with an overview and timeline for the next few years until the library is finished. Ken Vein is in the area 2 weeks out of the month where they meet with stakeholders and community leaders. One of the main concerns the zoning board has is how will the TRPL benefit Billings County. Questions addressed by the board included: will they pay property taxes?; is there going to be an admission fee?; how will this affect the emergency departments in the city and county?; and will there other ways to access the library besides the main musical road?

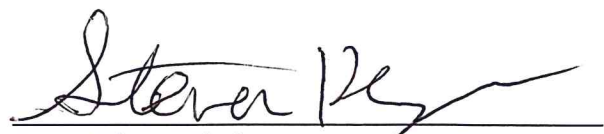
Recreational zoning was discussed. Stacey informed the board that revisions for updating the Billings County Zoning Ordinance have been prompted by the site selection for the proposed Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. The site is currently within an Agricultural District. Rezoning of the site to a more appropriate district will be part of the TRPL application process. The Recreational District is recommended for the TRPL site, however, the ordinance will need to be amended to clarify that libraries and museums are allowed uses within the Recreational District. Future development needs surrounding the Medora area as a result of the TRPL also motivate the update of the Recreational District. This district focuses on uses associated with the tourism industry as well as residential development where development is controlled in order to maintain the quality of the environment.

The zoning board continued in a work session to review zoning regulations relating to the Recreational Zoning District. A final draft will be presented for public hearing at the August 19, 2021 meeting.

The Joint Powers Agreement for extraterritorial zoning district has been signed by the County and the City of Medora. Some of the details are being worked on with the states attorney and the city.

With there being no further business, Anita Kessel moved to adjourn at 2:35 P.M. Dean Rodne seconded. All voted aye.

  
Jonna Bertelsen, Secretary

  
Steve Klym, Chairman