

**Planning Commission Meeting  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
7:00 pm Community Center**

Commission Members:

Janice Olson, Susan Keachie, Larry Chernoff and Joni Vaughan

Members of the Public present: Judy Kerr, Jackie Eid

Members of the Town Board: Matt Lazorik, Chairman, Michael O'Bryon, Supervisor

Joni made a motion to approve the July Minutes, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Minutes were approved.

No Updates

**Correspondence**

The Planning Commission received a letter from property owners on Roman Point asking for the Planning Commission to review the ATV Ordinance and consider results from a survey that they had conducted among property owners regarding ATV use on the Town roads of Romans Point.

Jackie Eid provided some history on the creation of the ATV Ordinance of 2000 pertaining to use of ATV's on Town Roads and then the revision of the Ordinance in 2010. In 2010, Chris Hudachek, then Town Supervisor and Amy Egstad, DNR worked on updating the Ordinance to make sure it complied with State Statutes and clearly outlined the requirements of ATV use in the Town of Bell. After discussion Commissioners decided that retaining the Ordinance 2010-2 as it stands was in the best interest of the Town. Developing separate rules for use for individual areas of the Town would be difficult to manage and unnecessary. Use of ATV's on Romans Point is limited to residents only and use by any others could be ticketed and fined by the Sheriff's Dept. or the DNR. There is no legal access to Romans Point from any of the existing ATV or snowmobile trails that are used by the public. Larry reported that he had posted signs on the roads on behalf of the Parks and Lands Committee but that one or two had been taken down. Positioning of the signs allows local residents to use the roads without penalty but still allows law enforcement to ticket unauthorized use. Larry and Matt will reposition a sign on the entrance to Romans Point indicating ATV use is Local Access Only.

Joni made a motion to recommend that the Town Board retain Ordinance 2010-2 pertaining to ATV use on Town roads as it stands. Larry 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor. The motion was approved.

Janice will notify Nancy Moye of the decision via email

**Review of Town of Bell existing ordinances**

Matt was in attendance to answer questions regarding enforcement of Town ordinances. He provided materials from the Towns Association that explained what the Town would have to do to enforce any of the current ordinances. In order to create an enforceable ordinance the Town must create a fine associated with it and appoint a person to issue Citations. The person could be a local law enforcement officer or a member of the Town appointed for that purpose. Any Citation issued would need to be followed up by presenting the citation to the Clerk of Court and following through with the legal process.

There is also a consideration of when the Town was given Village Powers that may render any ordinances created before that time unenforceable.

Janice asked that all Commissioners review the existing Ordinances with the idea of enforcement in mind. She also asked that they consider whether the Ordinance is relative to current times. All ordinances are posted on the Town website. At the next meeting commissioners will review and make recommendations to the Board on the ordinances.

Joni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

**The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Keachie

Secretary