

Planning Commission Meeting March 4th, 2010 7:00 pm

Attendees: Ray Kiewit, Susan Keachie, Joni Brooks and Max Taubert

No Members of the Public were present.

Minutes from the meeting of 2-4-2010 were read. Joni made a motion to approve and Ray 2nd. All were in favor of approval.

Updates:

The best date for the joint meeting of the Town Board and Plan Commission appears to be Wed. March 10th. The meeting will be at the Town Hall at 6 pm.

Topics suggested for this meeting are:

1. Review and prioritize Action Items for the Town Board and discuss how to convey actions necessary by other parties.
2. Discuss setting up the Economic Development committee identified in the Plan.
3. Determine the role of the Plan Commission
4. Discuss the Class Action Rezone.
5. Discuss the Town of Russell airport development and ways to communicate between Towns so that issues important to the area can be addressed.
6. Discuss work space for the Commission.

Ray is still burning CD's of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ray talked to Mike Darrow about the Brochure Plan and because of size limitations the Policies from each element will be eliminated.

Marian Vaughn from Bayfield County Economic Development Corp. will be invited to attend our meeting on April 8th. She has information and help for us on forming the Economic Development Committee and developing the Business Park. She may also know something about our options for developing the airport. Susan will contact her about attending the meeting.

There was some correspondence from Chequamegon Communications that Bill Sloan had forwarded to Ray for the Commission's review. They will be installing fiber optic cable in the area beginning this spring. Their permit request indicates activity between May and November of 2010. Ray noted that we should make sure they do not install cable in any ditches. It was also suggested that the Roads Committee review the application.

The group discussed the Action Items outlined for the Commission in the Plan and set priorities for action. That list is attached to these minutes.

Work was begun on determining criteria for review of permit and variance applications. Susan will check with County Zoning to see if they have a list of issues that are referred to the Town and that we will be reviewing.

The following criteria were tentatively established:

1. The Plan Commission will consult with Bayfield County Planning and Zoning for opinions relating to a permit or variance request.
2. Does it fall within the County Zoning list of acceptable uses and if not, why?
3. Is it compatible with the Bell Comprehensive Plan?

4. The review process will require notification of the permit applicant and adjacent property owners of the dates of the Plan Commission and Town Board review of the application.
5. Applicants will have an opportunity to address the Plan Commission and the Town Board.

Max will check on the progress of the cards being printed for notifications.

Joni made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Max 2nd the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 8th at 7 pm at the Community Center.