

Planning Commission Meeting May 6th, 2010 7:00 pm

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

No Members of the Public were present.

Minutes from the meeting of 4-8-2010 were read. Fred made a motion to approve and Max 2nd. All were in favor of approval.

Updates:

Max will check on the progress of the cards being printed for notifications and have them ready by our next meeting.

Ray gave the commission a brief update on the progress of negotiations between the Town and the Tilmans of Siskiwi Bay Marina regarding a proposed exchange of some properties owned by each party. Documents will be available and will be a substantial part of our next meeting.

There was review and discussion about the Permit and Variance Application Criteria. After discussion the group made a few changes. Fred made a motion to approve the changes to the criteria and conditions for permit review and approval of applications. Max 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Discussion followed about forming an Economic Development Committee for the Town. Issues were as follows:

1. The Committee should use the Economic Element of the Comprehensive Plan, especially the Goals and Objectives of this element, as a guideline for its work.
2. How many members should be on the committee? (undecided)
3. Should there be a member of the Town Board or the Plan Commission on the committee? (consensus was in favor)
4. What kinds of skills are important to look for in members of such a committee?

-the South Shore School could be a resource for a student working on a project based learning assignment.

-Marketing experience

-Economic development

-Business development

-possible Airport management

-a Cornucopia Business Association representative

-agricultural development

-data collection

-grant writing

The Town Board has scheduled a Special Meeting for May 15th, a Saturday to allow property owners from out of Town to attend. In the Plan Commission Report for this meeting, along with the update of progress on the Commission it was decided that the Commission should present to the group that formation of this Economic Development Committee is in progress and the skills that will be needed for members of the Committee. This would include people with the skills named above in #4. It was suggested that a request be made to the group attending the meeting that if they know someone who lives in or who owns property in Bell Town with any of these

skills that they encourage them to notify a member of the Plan Commission or attend a Plan Commission meeting on the first Thursday of every month.

It was determined that the development of the Business Park would more than likely be a sub-committee of the Economic Development Committee and that the plans for the Business Park would not include actual development until the need was established – i.e. that we had an interested party in the Park. But the infrastructure and type of organization for the Park should be determined so that when needed development would be ready to proceed.

Susan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Max 2nd the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday June 3rd at 7 pm at the Community Center.