

Planning Commission Meeting

Aug 5th, 2010 7:00 pm

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

Members of the Public:
Ernie Korpela

Minutes from the meeting of 7-8-2010 were read. Max made a motion to approve and Ray 2nd. All were in favor of approval.

Updates:

Ray received copies of all the County regulations that pertain to Permit applications and approvals and distributed a copy to each Commission member.

Susan reported to the group about a Plan Commission Workshop that she attended in Solon Springs on July 28th. Copies of the Power Point presentation that was given by Rebecca Roberts of the Center for Land Use Education at UW Stephen's Point were handed out. Susan had made notes about some of the high points of the presentation including the new regulations and other issues relating to the role of the Plan Commission.

Marina Trade Proposal:

Ray has set up a table that will help us keep track of the facts collected during our research regarding the evaluation of the trade proposed between the Tillmans and the Town of Bell of Tillmans beach front property for Town owned dockage and property located within the Siskiwit Bay marina owned by Dave and Mary Beth Tillmans. Ray had received some requested information from the Town Clerk and the Tillmans today but had not had a chance to review it and get it ready to present to the rest of the Commission. He will prepare that for the next meeting.

Ernie Korpela suggested that perhaps some of the considerations that the Commission was undertaking were beyond the scope of the present proposal. Susan suggested that it was an opportunity to look at long range planning for the marina and that during the preparation of the Comprehensive Plan perhaps not enough time had been spent looking into the structure and purpose of the Town Marina.

Susan reported on what she had found out about the Grand Marais Marina which is a City owned operation. The Grand Marais marina is operated by a city employee who is the director of Parks and Recreation and also oversees several other recreational properties that the City owns and operates. Grand Marais marina rates are available online under the City of Grand Marais.

There was discussion on the future use of the Town Marina and the desire of the Commission to have Chris Hudacek attend a meeting to inform and answer questions regarding current status and plans for the Marina.

The Commission would like to look at the lease between the Tillmans and the Town of Bell and also a sampling of the other leases in place for Marina property. A copy of rates and availability for dockage would also be helpful.

There was discussion between Commissioners as to the purpose of the Marina for the Town. Should it be a money making business or provide a service to Town residents interested in using it at a rate that sustains it? No conclusion was arrived at.

A review of the purpose of the Plan Commission in review of the proposal: The Commission will provide information to the Public for background on a decision. The decision could be presented to the residents for either a vote at a special town meeting or as an advisory vote on an election ballot.

In the discussion of locating copies of the Town leases, Ernie mentioned that he has requested that the Town have a “Records Retention Policy” stating which records are public and where these records should be kept for public access.

Application by Randall Morrison for a permit from the Town to park an RV on his parcel of land in the Town of Bell for 4 years:

A previous RV permit has been approved for a 3 year time period. Max moved that we approve the permit for 3 years. Joni 2nd and all were in favor.

Permit request by Keith and Deborah Clayton: to permit grading, excavation and fill within the 200’ shoreland zone. Fred made a motion to approve with the condition that they comply with the State of WI. Best Management Practices. Max 2nd and all were in favor.

Joni had agreed with Ray’s request to remain on the Plan Commission for another term of 3 years. Ray will check out the date when the Commission was sworn in and check out the terms.

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

The next meeting will be on Thursday Sept 9th at 7 pm at the Community Center.

