

**Planning Commission Meeting
April 7th, 2011 7:00 pm**

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

Guest Town Board Member: Jackie Eid

Max made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Ray 2nd and all were in favor.

Updates:

Ray and Yvette attended a Housing conference sponsored by WHEDA and Core in Washburn. This group is looking to provide more senior housing in Bayfield Co. Yvette will post a summary of the conference on the web site.

Ray and Yvette are also planning on attending the Future of Forestry workshop sponsored by WI-Extension in Ashland on April 12th.

Jackie Eid was attending to present a concern that had been expressed from a property owner about parking on Lost Creek Rd. at the boat launch on the east side of Romans Point. The Commission identified a small parcel of Town land on the North side of the road but it did not appear large enough for any parking. After some discussion, Max made a motion to sign the South side of Lost Creek Rd from the intersection of Romans Point Rd. as "Emergency Access – No Parking This Side". Joni 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Discussion then turned to presentation planning for the special Town meeting on May 21st. The presentation will be focused on outlining purpose and recruiting members for the Economic Sustainability Committee outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. (See Minutes of 3/3/11 for name change of this committee) Plan Commission members felt that the optimum number of committee members would be 4 or more with one or more of the following talents or experiences:

- Data collection and analysis
- Grant writing
- Economic Development
- City Planning
- Agricultural development
- Civil engineering
- Telecommunications
- Tourism and Recreation
- Cornucopia Business Assoc. member

And that a Town Board member should serve on the committee.

The attending commissioners felt that Fred Schlicting should make the presentation to the public, reviewing Section 7 of the Comprehensive Plan and the talents that we are hoping to find and asking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Members of the Committee should be residents and/or property owners of the Town of Bell.

Susan will make an appointment to meet with Karl Kastrovsky from Bayfield County Planning and Zoning to discuss the process for the Class Action Rezone outlined in the Comprehensive Plan before our next meeting. This action is described on page 9-5 of the Plan and the areas shown on a map attached to the Plan.

The next meeting on May 5th, we will meet at the Recycling Center to review the site of the proposed Business Park/ planning the May meeting of the Plan Commission on site at the proposed Business Park to review and discuss options for use. Max pointed out that the Park is a Land Use issue along with Economic Sustainability and that we should try to come up with a preliminary plan or lay out for the Business Park.

The Agenda for the next meeting will include discussion of a presentation to the May 21st Town Meeting regarding forming the Economic Sustainability Committee and beginning discussion and planning for the Class Action Rezone that was outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

Susan made a motion to adjourn and Max 2nd. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 5th at 7 pm at the Recycling Center.