

Planning Commission Meeting

Feb. 4th, 2016

7:00 pm Community Center

Commission Members:

Janice Olson, Susan Keachie, Larry Chernoff, and Joni Vaughan; Max Tauber was absent.

Members of the Public: Jackie Eid

Town Supervisors: Michael O'Bryon, Yvette Fleming, Vicky Hay

Joni made a motion to approve the December Minutes, Larry 2nd and the Minutes were approved.

No Correspondence

Transient Vendor Ordinance (continued)

Vicky and Jackie brought the Commission up to date on the review of the ordinance that took place by an Ad Hoc committee. Some items were discussed as potential changes and were presented to the Town Board but no action was ever taken. Discussion followed. Larry asked to see the Minutes from 2012 when the Ordinance was first created. Janice found the Minutes of March, 2012 that had some mention of it. Susan thought that the conversation about creating such an ordinance had begun before then. Joni suggested that the ordinance be amended to include a capitalized "T" where town lands are referred to in Sec. VII (see Minutes of 11/5/2015) and made a motion to that effect. She had stopped in to talk to Rob Scheirman, the Zoning Administrator who had suggested that the language in our ordinance be clarified. Larry asked to see that in writing. Susan suggested that the Joni's motion be tabled until the minutes preceding the creation of the Transient Vendor Ordinance were available and the position of the County Zoning Administrator could be verified. Janice tabled the discussion until the March meeting. The County currently prohibits any transient vendors in any non-commercially zoned lands in the County. The impact of the capital "T" vs the current writing would change the transient vendor possibilities from not being allowed anywhere in the Town of Bell to not being allowed on Town (public) property. This would consequently mean that transient vendors would be allowed on commercially zoned property in the Town of Bell.

Michael O'Bryon presented the wishes of the current owners of the Swenson properties to place into conservation the 90+ acres of land that they now own between Siskiwit Falls Rd., Hwy 13 and County Rd. C and ask for Planning Commission support. Preliminary talks have begun between the Surowiec's (Swenson heirs), Bayfield Regional Conservancy and the Town as to how to make this happen.

Susan made a motion that the Planning Commission support the effort, Joni 2nd and the motion was approved unanimously.

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

The next meeting will be March 3rd at 7 pm at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Keachie

Secretary