

Planning Commission Meeting

May 5th, 2016

7:03 pm Community Center

Commission Members:

Janice Olson, Susan Keachie, Joni Vaughn, Jackie Eid, and Larry Chernoff

Members of the Public: Judy Kerr

Minutes: Janice presented the corrected March 2016 Minutes for review. Joni made a motion to approve the corrected Minutes and Larry 2nd. All were in favor.

Larry made a motion to approve the April Minutes, Jackie 2nd. All were in favor and the Minutes were approved.

Permit Application:

A Class B permit was submitted to the Town from Sandra Johnson Owen requesting a Conditional Use Permit for Residential Use in a Commercial Zone (after the fact) and a Short Term Rental Permit for this second residence. Discussion followed and Larry made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that the Town Board approve the permit and return it to the County with the ***Town of Bell Permit and Variance Application Criteria for Approval or Disapproval*** attached. Susan 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Sign Permit Criteria

Larry questioned the need for this as the County already has criteria for approval established. Susan pointed out that because the Town has a Village Overlay District the Town is permitted to apply restrictions to signs permitted within that district. Discussion followed. After briefly reviewing the County Sign Ordinance Larry agreed that there was some approved signage in the County Ordinance that may not be appropriate for the village of Cornucopia. Susan feels strongly that the Planning Commission should set sign permit approval criteria for the Village Overlay District when there are no permit applications to consider. It is an opportunity to look at the Comprehensive Plan for guidance and take a look at the direction the Town may want to proceed. In the future sign permit applications can be reviewed with this criteria already established. This has worked well with the Criteria established for Short Term Rental permit applications so that considerations are not arbitrary but in line with the goals of the Town.

There was more discussion and all commissioners agreed that this is an important issue. Commissioners will review the Bayfield County Sign Ordinance and the rescinded Town of Bell ordinance come to the next meeting prepared to discuss which ideas might be suitable for establishing this criteria.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice 2nd, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

The next meeting will be June 9th at 7 pm at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keachie
Secretary