

Planning Commission Meeting

June 8th, 2017

6:00 pm Community Center

Commission Members:

Janice Olson, Susan Keachie, Jackie Eid, Pete Lamb and Larry Chernoff.

Members of the Public: Judy Kerr and Elly Kolodzieski

Minutes: Jackie made a motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting, Larry 2nd. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Updates: Janice reported that there has been no decision from the Town Board regarding launch sites for paddle sports

Class A Permit review

Mike Wright submitted a Class A permit requesting approval for short term rentals at his home on Thunder Bay Rd. Permit Approval Criteria is available on the Town website but it was decided to email Mike a copy to make sure that he is aware of the portion that deals with short term rentals.

Jackie made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend to the Town Board that they approve the permit. Susan 2nd and all were in favor.

Halvorson Smokehouse proposal

Larry objected to this being on the agenda when there are no updates on the plans of the Halvorson's for a facility on Superior Ave.

Pete had an update on the status of the previously discussed right of way behind the property that runs from County C to Hwy. 13. He did extensive research at the County to establish whether or not that right of way existed and if an alley was an option. He also met with Nelson Surveying. What he found was that there is no recorded right of way for either public utilities or an alley. His suggestion was that the Halvorson's have a Title Search done to see if that did indeed exist at any point in the history of ownership of the parcel. With no recorded rear access that would mean that any deliveries or parking for employees would have to occur on Superior Ave.

Susan made a motion that the topic remain on future agendas even if there were no updates. If nothing should appear as an update the agenda item could be passed over. Sara Norton had made the request to Janice and Janice felt that if any member of the Public requests an agenda item it is her duty to post it. Pete 2nd the motion: Janice, Susan and Pete were in favor. Jackie and Larry voted against.

Greg Weiss employee housing proposal

Elly Kolodzieski attended the meeting to ask for feedback on an idea to provide employee housing on their land on Siskiwit Lake Rd. The property is zoned Ag.1. They are thinking of the possibility of placing sheds on the property to provide sleeping spaces and possibly a central shared kitchen and bath house. Jackie lives across the road and had no objections. Commissioners suggested that they contact Bayfield County Zoning to find out what possible sanitary requirements might be. Susan suggested that they also contact some people in Bayfield who are working on the same issue for seasonal employees. None of the commissioners could see any foreseeable objection from the Town as long as all County code requirements were met.

2017 Goals and Objectives for the Planning Commission

Janice asked for priorities for 2017 Goals and Objectives.

Susan and Larry agreed to work on meeting with the DOT to see what we might be able to accomplish in getting the speed limit reduced to 45 past W. Spirit Pt Rd. before it is increased to 55. The left turn off of Hwy 13 is used by most Spirit Pt. residents when returning from town and on the days when the recycling center is open those left turns increase. They will also work on finding out what we need to do to get a pedestrian crosswalk between the town and the beach and if signs could be posted prohibiting engine breaking on the approaches from the East on Hwy 13 and Cty. Rd. C.

Adequate and organized parking in town was also identified as a priority.

Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jackie 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm

The next meeting will be **July 6th at 6 pm** at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keachie
Secretary