

Planning Commission Meeting

July 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 Frank Roman

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

Updates: No Updates

Class A Permit review

The Town received a permit request from Mark Wanvig and Dorothy Hoffman for shoreland grading to allow them to put in a driveway on Roman's Point on an unimproved lot on Romans Point. The diagram included in the permit did not conform to the requirements of the Town of Bell Private Driveway Ordinance that specifies a 14' wide driving surface with an additional 5 ft. of cleared area on either side.

Larry made a motion that the Planning Commission recommends that the Town Board give conditional approval based on meeting requirements of Town of Bell Driveway Ordinance 07-01. Applicants should be provided with a copy of the Ordinance.

Jackie 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Halvorson Smokehouse proposal

No updates on this topic.

Reducing speed limits on State Hwy. 13

Larry had spoken with Daniel Bieberitz of the WI Dept. of Transportation in Eau Claire. Larry got information from Dan about the availability of Dynamic Speed display signs. The sign could be purchased by the Town of Bell and installed according to DOT guidelines. Iron River and Siren have purchased these types of signs.

Daniel Bieberitz did say however that a community can request a Portable Changeable Message Sign (PCMS) for certain events with high pedestrian traffic such as Cornucopia Day. A typical message would be "Special Event Ahead – Reduce Speed" An initial request from the Town Board to the County Commissioner is required to obtain a sign at no charge.

Larry made a motion that the Planning Commission recommend that the Town Board contact Tom Tofer from the Bayfield County Roads Dept. to begin the process of procuring a PCMS sign in time for Corny Day – August 12th. Susan 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

The Planning Commission will continue to pursue speed limit reduction on Hwy 13, a pedestrian crosswalk from the south side of Superior Avenue to the waterfront and the posting of "No engine breaking except in emergency" signs on both County Road C and Hwy 13. These signs are posted on Co. Hwy C and Hwy 13 on the entrances to Washburn.

Jackie will contact Tom Tofer regarding the "No Engine Breaking" signs. Frank Roman suggested contacting Lance Bruger at the Superior office of WISDOT. Susan will set up an appointment with him to discuss our concerns and see what can be done about them.

Judy Kerr suggested that the Town form a Parking Committee to try to come up with some solutions for the parking problems in town. One suggestion was to continue diagonal parking south to the corner of Hwy C on Superior Ave.

Jackie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pete 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm

The next meeting will be **Aug.3rd at 6 pm** at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Keachie
Secretary