

Planning Commission Meeting

February 8, 2018

6:00 PM Community Center

Commission Members:

Present: Janice Olson, Jackie Eid, and Greg Weiss.

Absent: Pete Lamb, Larry Chernoff

Community Members present: Wanda Hyde, David Hyde, Doug Cannon, Chuck Grove, L Grove, Amie Egstad, Brenda Lafrancois, Gary Egstad

1. **Minutes:** Janice started the meeting at 6:06 and Jackie made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 7th meeting. Janice 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.
2. **Updates/Correspondence**
 - a. none
3. **ABC Sportsman Permit class A Wanda Hyde**
 - a. Doug Cannon - Talked about new classroom 24x40 building construction. Mentioned moving spade trees from the proposed trap shooting range to replant west of the rifle range for noise purposes. It was mentioned by the commission that the new building will need a separate permit.
Is there a need for range expansion? Jackie had talked with the South Shore school district and questioned the communication with this club and proposed permit. The school was unaware of a trap shooting club . ABC mentioned that presently anyone can shoot anywhere on the rifle ranges, the benefit of having a trap range is to try and concentrate these actions.
Noise issues. Range shooting can be heard way beyond what had been tested from Jodi road. Residents in the area have a difficult time with the hours of 8am-8pm weekdays and 8am to 7pm weekends. Proposed limited hours by Jason Bodine of Bayfield County Forestry Dept were to close at 6pm and to be closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. A new lease was signed between Bayfield County and ABC sportsman club without consideration of these proposed hours
 - b. Amie and Brenda (neighbors) talked about how when the county met they were not allowed to speak, and a discussion on hours never happened, just a vote. They have put in calls in to sheriff for off hours shooting, but there is no ordinance which can be enforced.
 - c. Janice mentioned that the town plows North Boundary road and wondering what the necessity of having the range open in the winter? Perhaps there can be some closed months. Do hours need to be so broad, 365 a year?

- d. Doug Cannon mentioned that during the meeting for the ABC club, 50% of members not responsive to the idea to reduce hours further from what is proposed.
 - e. Greg - residents should get priority in consideration for hours
 - f. Amie - taxpayers should get priority consideration.
 - g. Brenda- has done video and noise tests that are available. Also questioned lead clean-up plan. Doug - Testing is done every 5 years. They do a section of the soil and extrapolate from that.
 - h. Doug - Talked about new trap house - auto thrower, about 8x8. Closed and locked except for team events. School clubs will be 2 days a week afternoon and evenings. April-June and August-Oct. 5 months 2 days a week. Trap range will have separate gate.
 - i. Wanda mentioned that over 350 signatures were taken to allow range expansion. Janice questioned how many signatures were from the Town of Bell. The petition was available at the Village Inn.
 - j. Zoning has incorrect adjoining forest land owner on permit application. Update is requested. Also correct acres should be 60, not 80
 - k. **Motions:**
 - i. Janice-1st motion: The planning commission recommends that the town board approve permit as written, with change of the word "ranges" to "range". (Typo) Greg and Jackie in favor and Janice not in favor.
 - ii. Janice-2nd motion: That ABC Sportsman consider reducing hours for trap shooting range. This would include limiting days and hours for both trap and rifle range in consideration of neighbors. Greg 2nds, all in favor.
 - l. The town board meeting on February 13th, 7pm, was mentioned to all in attendance.
4. Traffic and parking update
 - a. Janice sent email and agenda to Matt. No response, no updates.
 5. Annual review-tabled
 6. Goals and objectives: Need to update 2018 goals and objectives by referring to schedule within the comprehensive plan as listed under each element. Complete for next meeting.
 7. 7:19 Greg makes motion to adjourn, Jackie 2nds, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Weiss

Acting Secretary.