

Town of Bell Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 5/3/2018

Members Present: Janice Olson, Jackie Eid, Greg Weiss, Larry Chernoff Absent: Peter Lamb

Members of Community Present: Judith Kerr, Matt Hipsher

Meeting Started 6 PM

Jackie made a motion to approve the last month's meeting minutes, Greg second all approved meeting minutes.

Update from Jackie who attended the Bayfield County meeting last month concerning the Halvorson conditional use permit. There had been a public comment period which several community members spoke. Rob Sherman responded that the sewer line issue has no bearing on a Conditional Use Permit its part of the counties Building Permit process; also that the transferability of the CUP is not a legal condition. Mr Rondeau (County Board member from Cable) spoke about how compressors and smokers work in his grocery store and spoke about how this is a positive move to have a business expand in our county. The County Board approved the Halvorson conditional use permit unanimously.

Janice mentioned that she had investigated the sign permit at the county and was informed it could not be enforced because it was not a legal document but the county would try to respect its intent.

RIGHT OF WAY TRIMMING PLAN: Matt brought in right-of-way criteria from the State(see attachment) and informed us that the Road Crew works to the best of their ability to maintain the roads we have with the resources available. A brief discussion followed. A letter (see attached) was created by the Towns road crew with help from Bill Sloan to address these issues. The intent of this letter is to be sent to all of the Town of Bell property owners in the near future.

TRAFFIC & PARKING RESEARCH UPDATE: The Permit for the pedestrian crosswalk will be brought before the town board for the May meeting. There was a discussion about the possibility of widening areas of Superior Ave to accommodate more parking as well as painting options, trial speed bumps and signage. Larry will contact DOT to inquire about a speed study in an attempt to reduce speed on a section of HWY 13 through town.

CREATE CRITERIA FOR ACCESS PERMIT TO LAKE SUPERIOR OFF OF SUPERIOR AVE: We are working on a straw document (see attached) to establish permitted commercial access to the lake for non-motorized recreational craft.

REVIEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR UPDATES: Janice noted that the Comprehensive Plan had been reviewed in 2015. Matt spoke to the hard work and value of the plan, Larry mentioned that there has been legislative updates since the plan adoption in 2009. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM. **Next meeting will be held June 7, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted, Larry Chernoff