

Town of Bell Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2018

Committee members present: Janice Olson, Greg Weiss, Jackie Eid, Larry Chernoff, Mark Ehlers (to be appointed)

Community members present: Phil & Nancy Moye, Jayne Norton, Will Hugh

Meeting started by Janice @ 6:03pm

Correspondence letter from Jason Laumann the Deputy Director of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission. He is willing to help us in the process and recommended we start reviewing the previous survey to determine whether any of the questions used are still relevant to the community.

1. Discussion on Hwy 13 Pedestrian Crosswalk. A pedestrian survey was requested by Dan Bieberitz of Wisc DOT.
  1. Results taken by Jackie--8/25; 11:55am-12:10 4 people and 12:10-12:25 6 people
  2. Results taken by Mark—9/2; 10:02-10:17 16 people and 10:17-10:32 12 people
  3. Results taken by Janice—8/23 5:30-5:45 2 people and 5:45-6pm 4 people

Having a walkway would possibly help get the speed reduced. Larry mentioned that the reason Port Wing and Herbster could get a reduction and we could not is due to not enough driveways entering the highway. A suggestion came up to possibly contact our elected officials; Beth Meyer and Janet Bewley for help in speed reduction or possibly a letter from the board to them.

2. Discussion regarding Comprehensive Plan and creating a new survey.
  1. Considering the Town of Bell community a paper survey is recommended for this plan.
  2. Ideas to add to plan questions:
    1. Residential and economic- short term rentals
    2. Economic - impact of National Lakeshore
  3. The group discussed the survey with the first question regarding the demographic information and new ways to phrase questions. What is beneficial in regards to ages, seasonal vs. full time residents, etc. General consensus was to keep it simple.
    1. Definition of full time citizen 6 or 9 month vs seasonal
    2. Ages of other "household members" rather than "residents"
    3. Idea to have various factions of the community meet in focus group meetings to discuss separate questions, such as businesses, etc, much like CORE did.
3. Moving forward - discussed breaking up into work groups to focus on specific sections of the plan, or everyone work on the same section at a time. Next meeting we are to have read through and put forward our preferences for which section committee we want to research/examine. Assignments will be given at a later date.
4. Larry mentioned that there were regulation changes in 2010, 2015, & 2017. We need to be compliant with the state.

Minutes taken at meeting by Greg Weiss were accidentally deleted. New minutes submitted by Greg Weiss

Larry made a motion to adjourn and Janice 2nd. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next planning Commission meeting will be October 4.