

Town of Bell Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

Town of Bell Community Center

Commissioners present: Janice Olson, Larry Chernoff, Greg Weiss, Jackie Eid and Mark Ehlers=

Commission Volunteers present: Will Hughes, Nancy and Phil Moye

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Janice Olson – Commission Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jackie Eid moved to approve the minutes; Larry Chernoff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no current correspondence.

Discussion occurred regarding the WI DOT traffic study. Two representatives of the WI DOT, Dan Bieberite and another, came to Cornucopia to discuss the crosswalk and related issues on Monday November 5, 2018. The posts for the crosswalk signage have been installed and the signs will be posted when they are ready. The DOT Representatives and members of the Commission went to the crosswalk site and discussed the many issues related to the crosswalk. The need for sidewalk like ADA access to the crosswalk on both sides, the need to reduce the speed of vehicles on WI Hwy 13, poor traffic visibility at the intersection, and the need for no passing lanes. The possibility of purchasing and installing dynamic miles per hour signs to alert drivers to their speed, the need for a permit, double line, no passing lines, no parking on the southside of Highway 13 next to the Lost Creek Adventure business, and the possible need for speed bumps on Superior Ave between Ehlers Store and Little Nikki's, were all discussed and will be presented to the Town at the next Regular Meeting for discussion and possible action.

The Comprehensive Plan Survey: The committee and volunteers discussed the results of the previous survey and determined that a new survey was needed and some of the previous questions may not be necessary and other questions that were not asked should be included in the new survey. Janice reported that there is a need to define "rural character", the maintenance of the Town's rural character was the most important issue to the respondents in the previous survey. It is important to the Town regarding future planning and potential ordinances. After discussion it was agreed that the issues of the village were not necessarily the same as the issues on the Points, Siskiwit Lake, Stage Road and other neighborhoods within the Township. Phil Moye and Mark Ehlers volunteered to attempt to include this issue in our next survey in the form of a question with a 1 -10 sliding scale in terms of importance by "neighborhood". Will Hughes volunteered to draft a new set of questions for our next survey which will be ready for mailing in April 2019. The results of the survey will be published on the Town of Bell website.

Greg and Janice will prepare the annual review of the Planning Commission actions and meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018.

Jackie Eid moved for adjournment: the motion was seconded by Larry Chernoff. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

Mark Ehlers – appointed minutes preparer