

Planning Commission 2018 Year in Review

Permit Reviews: ABC Sportsman Class A Permit Review and Recommendations

Halvorson Class B Conditional Use Permit Review and Recommendations

Bayfield County Class B Rezone Review and Recommendations

Correspondence: There has been ongoing correspondence with Dan Bieberitz of Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding traffic, speed reduction and crosswalk opportunities. The planning commission was involved in data collection for WisDOT concerning a crosswalk at HWY 13 and Superior Ave. Dan Bieberitz and Ross Baker of WisDOT met with the planning commissioners to discuss various opportunities for the placement of the crosswalk, speed reduction, placement of no passing strips. They recommended purchasing a “dynamic speed display” sign for HWY 13 to encourage adherence to the speed limit. WisDOT will help with proper placement of the signs. Parking in the downtown area remains a problem during “high season”.

Matt Hipsher, the town road crew foreman explained town right of way and trimming plan for roads.

Patty Stemwedel Director of South Shore Ambulance expressed concern over driveway permits and inspection process to confirm compliance for EMT’s and other emergency vehicles. This was referred to the town crew for inspection process and compliance.

Concerns over parking, criminal activity and lack of fulfillment of commitments made by BRC on Siskiwit Falls project. Recommendations were made and given to Bayfield County Forestry department.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

A decision was made to produce a survey to update data collected from the original comprehensive plan as the predicted trends for population, year round and seasonal residence did not follow projections. Volunteers were requested and a committee was formed to help with data collection. A paper survey will be sent out in the first trimester of 2019.

Our community suffered the loss of planning Commissioner Peter Lamb. He was replaced on the planning commission by Mark Ehlers.