

**Planning Commission Meeting
Feb 7th, 7 pm Community Center**

Commission Members:

Matt Lazorik, Susan Keachie, Max Taubert and Joni Vaughan

Members of the Public: Barb and Dennis Edwards

Joni made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Jan. 5th meeting. Max 2nd and the Minutes were approved.

Updates: None

Parking on Superior Ave.:

Discussion on the current problem of parking on the north end of Superior Ave. that has been limiting traffic to one lane during busy days. Some issues and solutions were discussed. Joni pointed out that the road right-away is not where the road runs. If the 80' right away was in place the street would come up to the front of home on the east side of the street and the Coffee Shop. Matt presented a survey that was done in 2001 showing the lot lines for Joni's home and the Superior Ave. right of way.

Items discussed:

1. What would be most effective: add sidewalks and curb to define parallel parking or add angled parking as in front of Ehler's Store and Fish Lipps. Max felt that angled parking would add more space and cause less interference with traffic. Dennis thought parallel parking farther off the street would work.
2. Dennis and Barb reviewed the history of creating parking in front of their shop and the work they had done to keep water moving towards the Lake and stabilize the ground.
3. Barb also pointed out that Leona has a constant stream of water flowing into her garage and that a pond is created between their properties from water coming off the street. When the street was resurfaced the height was raised so that water comes off the street to the sides of the road.
4. It was decided that the Commissioners and the Edwards would try to create some sketches of ideas to relieve the parking problem.
5. All agreed that additional parking should be added north of the 3 residences; Vaughn and Taubert on the west side of Superior Ave. and Daubner on the east side.
6. **The Plan Commission would like to propose to the Town that this is an important project to undertake and suggests that the Town crew should be involved in future discussions.**

Guide for New Construction process:

Susan presented a draft of the contacts and permits necessary for anyone beginning a construction project in the Town of Bell.

There was discussion and input and Susan will prepare a new draft for the next meeting. The Guide should not be longer than a full sheet and can be available as a PDF on the Town website.

Class Action Rezone:

We have one letter yet to come back from property owners involved in the Class Action Rezone project that will rezone properties along Lupine Lane and E. Spirit Pt. Rd from RRB to R-2. Matt will try to contact a local member of the family who has already responded and see if he can find out what the holdup is and get this project completed.

Review of Plan Commission Goals:

Matt handed out an outline of previously identified Plan Commission goals for review. Several of the goals have been accomplished.

After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed to make a priority of the problem with artesian well pressures and overflow and storm water drainage.

Max made a motion: that the Town Board address the policy stated in the Comprehensive Plan under Element #5: Utilities and Community Facilities, identifying the creation of a "policy developing a responsible stewardship plan for storm water and well overflow management". On page 5.7 of the Plan an Objective is identified: "Increase coordination of the management, development, and redevelopment of public and private utilities and facilities" and the stewardship plan policy follows.

Susan 2nd the motion and all were in favor. Matt will present this to the Town Board.

The idea of having the Sanitary District cooperate on this project was discussed.

One of the other Action Items noted was the need for a survey to establish the need for affordable and senior housing in the Town. Susan suggested that we might work on a short survey that would be available to citizens at the Annual Town Meeting. The Commissioners agreed to work on this project.

Joni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Max 2nd and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

The next meeting will be on Thursday Mar. 7th in the Community Center basement at 7 pm.