

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

Commission Members:

Matt Lazorik, Susan Keachie, Max Taubert, Fred Schlicting and Joni Vaughan

Members of the Public: Barb and Dennis Edwards

Town Roads: George Sveda

Max made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Feb 7th meeting, Joni 2nd and the Minutes were approved.

Updates: None

Parking on Superior Ave.:

Dennis had spent some time on a proposal to increase off street parking on Superior Ave. and brought copies for all present. This was very helpful for the ongoing discussion.

Matt had done some research and reported that there is currently 72' of roadway between the diagonal parking on both sides of Superior Ave. in front of Ehlers Store and Fish Lipps. There is currently approximately 42' between Max's house and the Coffee Shop.

A parallel parking spot requires 8-9'.

Discussion:

- Possibly add 5' to each side of the street to allow for parallel parking.
- Perhaps a white line painted on the street to delineate a parking lane would help encourage cars to park farther to the sides of the street and out of driving lanes.
- George said that if culverts were added the Town could only keep 50' of it clear in the winter.
- One of the issues is boat/trailer parking
- No money has been allowed for this year in the Town road budget.
- George – the Town could do some of the work but does not have the equipment to do it all and that we may want to consult an outside contractor (such as Ashland Construction) for costs when we decide on a plan
- Possibly add 2' on the West side of the street and 5-6' on the east side
- Dennis said that they had had extra work done to reinforce the shoulder in front of the coffee shop but that few people pulled off that far.

Proposals:

- Possibly do improved ditches farther outside the driving lanes this year and do the rest next year
- Initially have improved parallel parking on both sides of the street

Max is stated his opposition to more ditching on the south side of this driveway
Water flowing into Leona's driveway and garage is still a concern.

The Plan Commission and all interested parties will meet at the site of the discussion on Superior Ave. at 7 pm before the next Plan Commission meeting

Artesian Well Water:

The Comprehensive Plan identified a problem with artesian well water pressure and overflows. As more wells get added some existing wells are losing pressure. Water pressure can be adjusted on existing wells to reduce overflow and maintain more consistent pressure.

Fred will do some research on what well water pressures should be.

Guide for New Construction process:

Susan presented a new 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. Missing was the contact information for the Sanitary District. Susan will try to get that included. The Guide will not be longer than a full sheet and can be available as a PDF on the Town website. An approved copy should be available after next month's meeting.

Class Action Rezone:

There is no update on the Class Action Rezone. Matt will try to contact the family member of the last remaining property owner to sign off on the application.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Max 2nd. All agreed with Matt's "okey dokey" and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday April 4th** in the Community Center basement at 7 pm.