

Minutes of the **February 2, 2021** Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Dan Sleight.

Commissioners Present: Dan Sleight, Vince Hoehn, Robert Becker, John Hanson, Dan Johns, Jr  
Absent: Mike Kramer  
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: Chuck LaPorte

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hanson, second by Becker, to approve the agenda as posted and waive the reading. Motion carried.

#### Public Comments and Correspondence

None

#### Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Becker, second by Johns, to approve the November 2, 2020 Hucker CUP Public Hearing Minutes, the November 2, 2020 Keith CUP Public Hearing Minutes, the November 2, 2020 Sullivan CUP Public Hearing Minutes, the November 2, 2020 Faber CUP Public Hearing Minutes, and the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

#### Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen desires clarification on applying R-1 rules to residential uses in districts other than R-1, for instance the application of the restriction on metal sided buildings to no more than 26x30, and in particular a property owned by Chuck LaPorte that is zoned Recreational, but used as R-1 Residential. Past practice has been to enforce R-1 rules in other districts if the use was residential. Chuck Laporte described their reasons for purchasing the property, how they have been using it as a rental, and their future plans. He desires to construct a metal-sided storage building larger than 26x30, but does not feel he should have to go through the CUP process, given the language of the ordinance. Following discussion on pros and cons, and on possible ordinance language changes, it was the consensus of the Commission to enforce R-1 rules only in districts zoned R-1 going forward. This topic may be an agenda item for a future meeting.

Thiessen reported that he has received a letter from the County concerning a parcel on Alder Lake Road that is zoned R-1 by the Town and Forestry by the County. The owner wishes to subdivide into 2 acre lots, and the County asked for input. Thiessen wrote back that as the parcel is already zoned R-1 by the Town, the Town had no objections to rezoning to residential at the County level.

#### Secretary Report

No discussion or action.

#### Unfinished Business

- A. Discussion on ordinance language relating to applying R-1 rules to other zoning districts: Covered under Zoning Administrator's Report above.
- B. Permit fee schedule for solar panel installations: No action taken. For future continued discussion and possible action.
- C. Developing ordinance language regulating ground and roof mounted solar panels: No action taken. For future continued discussion and possible action.

Next scheduled meeting: At the call of the Chair.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 6:41 P.M.