

Minutes of the **June 1, 2021** Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by John Hanson, in the absence of Chair Dan Sleight.

Commissioners Present: Robert Becker, John Hanson, Dan Johns, Jr, Mike Kramer, Vince Hoehn

Absent: Dan Sleight

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: David Bartling, Mike McKeon, Lynn Schroeder, Eleanor Butler

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kramer, second by Johns, to approve the agenda as posted and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Public/Governmental Comments and Correspondence

Copy of letter from Jim Janet, Vilas County Zoning, to Ginger Aleksinski concerning business operations in R-1.

Copy of letter from Jim Janet, Vilas County Zoning, to Philip Malouf concerning the number of inoperative vehicles on a R-1 parcel. Hanson reported that the Town has also notified the landowner that they are in violation of a provision of the Town code of ordinances for the same offense.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Becker, second by Johns, to approve the April 6, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

ZA Thiessen reported on the violations on Bonnie Lane (Synkelma.) The County is dealing with the violations of shoreland zoning ordinances, while our concern would be unpermitted tree cutting. The violations are not minor, but egregious. The landowner would not have received permits for the work performed if he had applied. Following discussion, it was decided that, prior to taking action, to contact the County to find out where this sits with them, and whether they issue fines in addition to requiring restoration. A letter is to be sent to the landowner advising him that he is in violation of our ordinances.

Thiessen reported on the extent of the clear cutting on Alder Lake Rd. Hoehn reviewed how the permits that were issued for select cutting came to be issued. David Bartling spoke to how and why the cutting was conducted, the plans for the parcel, and restoration efforts for cutting done in the road right-of-way. Eleanor Butler stated to the effect that the restoration efforts so far are insufficient.

Following discussion, it was decided that David Bartling, ZA Thiessen, Chair Sleight, and Hanson would meet at the property on June 5th to look things over and report back to the Commission in a special meeting on June 29th.

The Commission was advised that there is a complaint of tree cutting in the right-of-way of Oak Street (Schraufnagel.)

Unfinished Business

Developing ordinance language regulating ground and roof mounted solar panels: Johns reported on an article that stated that it might be hard to restrict solar panels as governmental policy otherwise encourages them. Discussion on how our existing ordinance makes use of solar panels, especially ground mounted ones, very difficult as tree cutting for an installation would not be allowed. Topic to be removed from future agendas for the time being.

New Business

Discussion on the Article 5.8 Condominium Review process introduced by Thiessen. Hanson reported on a Notice of Claim filed against the Town regarding an issue surrounding Pine Cone Point Condominium on Nob Hill Lane. Thiessen reported that the County reviews not only the plat, but also the associated documents, which we don't. Possibly we shouldn't be reviewing condos at all. The question is to be a future agenda item.

Next scheduled meeting: June 8, 2021 following the public hearing beginning at 6:45 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by acting Chair Hanson. Time was 7:58 P.M.