

Approved 05/05/2015

Minutes of the April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

Commissioners in attendance: Sleight, Johns, Hoehn, Behnke, Rayala, Hanson, Bauers
Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Jake Allen

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

Public Comments and/or Correspondence

None

Motion by Hanson to approve the March 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented, second by Johns. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen: Received an inquiry from Vilas County Zoning relating to a zoning ordinance in effect as of May 11th, 1967. May require an investigation of town records. Nothing in zoning office prior to '86 ordinance.

Sleight: Will need something more specific and in writing from County.

Thiessen presented monthly and 1st quarter reports.

Thiessen introduced Jake Allen of Jake's Tree Service.

Jake Allen: Desires to lease a one-half of a billboard at the corner at Spider Lake Rd and Hwy 51. Would like to know if a permit is required and/or what the process may be. No change in billboard itself other than changing 1/2 of it to advertise his business. It is 56 sq. ft. for the half.

Discussion of on premise signs vs. off-premise and how this sign fits into those categories. Interpreted intent of ordinance is to eventually eliminate all off-premise signs. One-half of the sign presently advertises an on premise business and one-half advertises an off-premise business. Subject sign was compared and contrasted to the Chippewa Retreat and Mill Point/Aberdeen billboards. Discussion on maintenance allowed on non-conforming signs. Discussion on property owners erecting a sign for a business that they own that is located on a completely different parcel.

Motion by Hansen to table action on the request pending receipt of a legal opinion from the commission's attorney, second by Johns. 5 aye, 2 opposed. Motion carries.

Secretary's Report

Hoehn presented Secretary's hours for approval.

Article IX Subdivision Control and Approval

No discussion or action.

Other matters for discussion pertaining to the zoning ordinance

No topics brought up for discussion.

Next scheduled meeting May 5th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 8:09 P.M.