

Approved 06/16/2015

Minutes of the June 2, 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, Rayala, Hanson, Behnke

Absent: Bauers, Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Karen Dixon, Tyrel Rayala,

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 May 5, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented, second by Johns. Motion carried, with Behnke abstaining.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen reported by phone that the Dano's Tree Service banner is down. Whistle Stop sign still needs to be dealt with.

Secretary's Report

Hoehn presented Secretary's hours for approval. Motion by Rayala, second by Johns, to approve. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining.

Article IX Subdivision Control and Approval

Workshop on revised ordinance to be scheduled for just prior to August 4th meeting. Joint Planning Commission/Town Board public hearing to be held on August 18th.

Town Donations Policy

Behnke: Important to have a policy and would like to bring it back for discussion.

Secretary directed to add subject to agenda for future meetings.

Bike Trails

Discussion by members on the belief that the bike trail committee is "overstepping its bounds", and that bike trails are an important part of the Comprehensive Plan. The Town, the snowmobile club, and other stakeholders should have input in the siting of bike trails. Bridges should be considered structures, and as such, should go through the permitting process.

Motion by Johns, second by Hoehn, to request of the Town Board that it inform Bike Trail Inc. that any future construction must come before the Planning Commission for discussion. Motion carried.

Year 2022 Comprehensive Plan

Behnke: Had received a proposal from MSA or SSA to update the plan at the time the Town was looking at planning for the downtown area.

Hanson: Could get started this year and build costs into next year's budget.

Sleight: Airport plan should be tied into the Comprehensive Plan. The 10 year update would be a good time to pull it all together.

Other matters for discussion pertaining to the zoning ordinance

Lights on the lakeshore. Hoehn to research municipal ordinances, including Winchester and Presque Isle, for the August meeting.

Next scheduled meeting June 16th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Next regular meeting August 4th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 7:36 P.M.