

Approved 09/01/2015

Minutes of the August 4, 2015 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:22 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

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

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Tyrel Rayala, Kevin Griffith

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

Public Comments and/or Correspondence

Correspondence from Vilas County Zoning and Planning regarding Act 41.

Motion by Johns, second by Hanson, to approve the June 16, 2015 Washatka CUP Hearing minutes, the June 16, 2015 Munier CUP Hearing minutes, and the June 16, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Hoehn presented the quarterly and monthly reports, and reported that Dano's Tree Service banner has been removed and that letters had gone out to the affected landowners about the removal of the Whistle Stop sign.

Letter received from Vilas County Planning and Zoning asking for comments and a recommendation prior to the Conditional Use Permit petition hearing for the boat storage building to be constructed on the Waters Marine property. Hoehn was directed to draft a letter stating that the building meets the requirements of our ordinance and that approval is recommended.

A complaint was received alleging that a neighbor may be running a home occupation and may possibly be running a bed and breakfast. The Commission determined that the alleged activity is technically not a home occupation and that the homeowner should be advised that if a B&B is being operated that a CUP is required.

Secretary's Report

Hoehn presented the Secretary's hours for approval. Motion by Rayala, second by Johns to approve. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining. No invoices were received.

Proposed sidewalk between library and Lions pavilion

Hanson reported that the proposed sidewalk would go from the pavilion driveway across the lawn to the library parking lot and be constructed of pavers. Motion by Johns, second by Bauers to recommend approval to the town board. Motion withdrawn following discussion. Motion by Johns, second by Rayala, to recommend approval and that the sidewalk be only for seasonal use unless heated. Motion carried.

Article IX Subdivision Control and Approval

No discussion or action.

Lakefront Lighting Ordinance

Discussion on the fact that complaints have been received, past attempts to alleviate concerns, the possibility of using the Presque Isle ordinance as a template, the need for an ordinance, and the possibility of re-issuing the Lakes Association pamphlet of some years ago. No action taken.

Bike Trails

Update by Bauers on the activities of Bike Trail Inc in regard to a proposed boardwalk along Hwy W on DNR land and a possible dedicated bridge by the dam.

Year 2022 Comprehensive Plan

Discussion on seeking consultant proposals for updating the plan and budgeting for same.

Other matters for discussion pertaining to the zoning ordinance

Discussion on having matters relating to donations to the Town as a standing agenda item.

Next scheduled meeting September 1, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 8:13 P.M.