

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

March 11, 2015

Plan Commission Members

Dan Forbes, Chair Excused

Dave Barth

Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair

Sarajane Snyder;

Tom Grygo, Secretary,

Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate

Public Present

None

Gordon Wipperfurth opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on March 11, 2015 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to approve the February 11, 2015 Plan Commission minutes, second by Fuehrer, motion approved.

A copy of the proposed amendment to the Saratoga Zoning Ordinance, Nonmetallic Mining CUP, as revised by attorney Paul Kent, was given to each member.

Wipperfurth explained the he and Grygo participated in a telephone review of the proposed amendment with attorney Kent. The proposed amendment would provide the Town with sufficient oversight of a nonmetallic mining operation, and not conflict with previously proposed and anticipated future state regulations regarding nonmetallic mining. Upon review it was found that “Fugitive Dust” or “Dust” was omitted from the definition section, it will be added in the revised final draft.

Motion by Fuehrer to send the revised final draft of the proposed amendment on Nonmetallic Mining CUP to the Town Board for review and approval, as part of the proposed zoning revisions, second by Barth, motion approved.

The commission agreed to incorporate definitions from the Nonmetallic Mining Draft of February 11, 2015, into Section 2 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- Adjacent Landowner
- Adjoining Landowner
- Bedrock
- Berm
- Buffer

Wipperfurth suggested the commission outline the steps for revising the zoning ordinance and comprehensive plan. It was agreed to begin working on the zoning districts first and then revise the comprehensive plan accordingly. A ten-year update of the entire comprehensive plan could take place in 2017.

Wipperfurth presented information he received from Thor Laisy regarding a proposed South Wood County Recreation Area. The information regarding the recreation proposed was presented to Jason Gruenberg, County Planner, several County Board members, and Zach

Vruwink, Mayor City of Wisconsin Rapids, on February 27. The proposed also was presented to the Town Board, at an unknown date. The commission members questioned why the Town Board did not forward the proposed to the Plan Commission for review and follow-up. The recreation proposal involves land currently under option to Wysocki Farms, and therefore is only contingent planning for the property, should Wysocki Farms vacate their option. A discussion followed.

Motion by Fuehrer to invite Thor Laisy to the next Plan Commission meeting (4/8/2015) to review his proposal, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Town of Saratoga Town Hall.

Motion by Barth to adjourn, second by Fuehrer, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.