

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

June 12, 2019

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder, Absent
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:25 PM on June 12, 2019 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of May 8 2019, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Shane Ruesch storage buildings/duplex housing

Fuehrer said there are no issues from County Planning and Zoning with regard to wells or septic on this site. Discussion followed regarding driveway access from Hwy 13. Forbes said he is sure the DOT will not grant Hwy 13 access due to the proximity of the intersection of Hwy 13 and Evergreen Road, and the existing driveway north of the site. Wipperfurth asked to see a revised site plan which considers on street parking, and also includes a vegetative buffer.

Room tax ordinance

Forbes said Billie-Jo Kester reviewed the draft ordinance and has several comments. According to Wisc. Statutes a room tax must support tourism promotion and tourism development. Discussion followed regarding imposing a room tax. Grygo to meet with Kester to discuss her comments and concerns and report back to the plan commission at the July meeting. Forbes said we need application forms for short-term rental and room tax before proceeding.

Conditional Use

A letter from the Village of Plover attorney suggests the “need to review in the Zoning Code are any conditional uses listed that the Village does not want and remove them from the list so that they are not permitted.” It was agreed that each member review the Town Zoning Ordinance for unwanted conditional uses and discuss these at the next meeting. Grygo commented we need to define “Commercial Stable” and include the definition in the Zoning Ordinance.

Information from commission members

Wipperfurth said the survey for the Sandy Springs landing has not been completed. Wipperfurth contacted Scott Provost, DNR about developing the landing and said Provost is not concerned about development above the normal high-water mark, as any development would be minimal. Wipperfurth mentioned a canoe/kayak rental business is starting in Wisconsin Rapids at the former Crystal Car Wash.

Grygo suggested the Town follow-up in writing with Stocor regarding the yearly approval required to operate from a temporary office at 845 STH 73. Fuehrer said she would send a letter to Jamie White.

Fuehrer said she has been contacted by a realtor wanting to rezone 1200 acres of Ort property for organic crop needs and a high capacity well.

Fuehrer said that she is resigning from the Plan Commission. Forbes and the members thanked here for her participation.

Public Comment

Sue Savage reported on a meeting by the Economic Development Committee proposal to extend Tower Road to Range Line Road and purchase forty acre parcels on each side of the new road amounting to approximately 540 acres and develop the land as a park. Estimated cost is 1.4 million dollars. She said Terry Rickaby is working with Nolan Sales regarding this purchase.

The next meeting is July 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Wipperfurth, meeting adjourned 8:25 PM