Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

May 13, 2020

Plan Commission Members	
	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary:	Josh McDonald

Gordon Wipperfurth opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on May 13, 2020 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Snyder to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020 second by Barth, motion approved.

Business Permit

Kevin Lewis said he is transporting military, and farm equipment. In order to conduct business, the WI. DOT requires a business permit issued by the Town. He said there will be no shop, and no trailers on site. Kevin Lewis's request for a business permit for a trucking business is a permitted as a conditional use. He will have to complete a CUP application, and the surrounding neighbors will need to be notified. It was suggested Kevin contact Lorelei about the CUP application.

Wisconsin Rapids Wrestling Sign

Scott Benitz said the original sign blew over and was damaged. Stratford Sign Company has designed a new sign and has two approved location and is looking for a third in Saratoga. Benitz was told the Lamar replacement sign is new and doesn't meet the town sign ordinance. The Plan Commission would not approve a new Wrestling Sign as an addition to the new Lamar sign similar to the original. Benitz was encouraged to work with Stratford Sign Co. to find a new location for the Wrestling Sign and apply for a permit before construction. It was suggested the Town Board send a letter to the DOT asking if Lamar notified DOT about constructing a new and larger sign to replace the damaged sign.

Wisconsin River canoe/kayak access

Wipperfurth said a steering committee representing the Town of Saratoga, citizens, private business, Wood County, and the Wakley Group, was formed consisting of Wipperfurth, Patrick Gatterman, Jason Gruenberg and Don Mathews. An onsite meeting was held with Jeff Brewbaker, Code Administrator Wood County. Jeff reviewed the site and provided permit applications for shoreland zoning and floodplain zoning. A second on site meeting was held with Wipperfurth, Mathews and Kevin from Badger Survey. Kevin estimated it will take 2-3 weeks to develop a site plan. A concern of the Wakley Group is having the ability for school buses to turn around at the end of the road. Discussion followed.

Plan Commission Chair

Wipperfurth asked for nomination for Chair. McDonald said he did not want to be considered as Chair as he does not have sufficient experience. Grygo nominated Wipperfurth for Plan Commission Chair, second by Snyder, nomination approved. Wipperfurth nominated Snyder for Vice-Chair, second by McDonald, nomination approved. The nominations will be sent to the Town Board for approval.

Information from Commission Members

Snyder asked about the status of the Nepco Lake walk in landing. There is no update at this time. Dan Forbes said tree stumps need to be removed before developing the parking lot and trail to the lake.

No additional public comments.

The next meeting is June 10, 2020.

Motion by Snyder to adjourn second by Barth, meeting adjourned 7:35 PM