

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

May 11, 2022

Plan Commission Members	
Sarajane Snyder, Chair	Josh McDonald
, Co-chair	Gordon Wipperfurth
Tom Grygo, Secretary:	Rob Borski
	Nancy Koch, Alternate

Sarajane Snyder Chair opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on May 12, 2022, at the Saratoga Town Office. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Wipperfurth to approve the April 13 meeting minutes, second by McDonald motion approved.

Comprehensive Plan

Dennis Lawrence, NCWRPC gave an overview and summary chapters 3 and 4. The median value of housing in Saratoga of \$241,900 was questioned as being high. Lawrence said this information is from data that is self-reported by homeowners and could be inflated. Discussion followed a review of the Policies section. It was agreed policies not include the City of Nekoosa, Village of Port Edwards, or reference to agricultural land. Additions and corrections to Chapter 4 include.

- Two communication towers
- Wisconsin Rapids for Ambulance Service
- Add EMS service
- Add the names of water access points
- Remove objective 4

Revisions to Chapters 3 and 4 will be discussed further at the June Plan Commission meeting.

Future Land Use Map

Review version 3. Discussion about manufacture housing and modular housing. (*follow-up note see Zoning Ordinance §2.33 Factory-Built Home*).

Motion by Wipperfurth to recommend Town Board approval of the Future Land Use Map V-3, second by Borski, motion approved.

Zoning Cheater Sheet

Compare existing design standards to proposed standards. Major changes include

- Change in minimum lot size by zoning district
- Addition of Farmland Preservation District
- Addition of standards for the RP, FP and PUD Districts
- Addition of Environmental Requirements

Discussion followed; comments concerned Environmental Requirements maximum well standards.

Zoning Design Standards

The design standards put the information from the above sheets into a visual form and easier to read format for each zoning district. Boz suggested the members review and comment on these at the next meeting. Based on the information the members provide he will rewrite the zoning ordinance and design standards. A public hearing is required on the zoning ordinance update before approval by the Town Board and Wood County.

Wipperfurth commented that the Plan Commission had in the past received a report of active building permits issued and would like to see this reinstated. Kretschmer suggested the commission request this report from the Town Board.

New Horizon CSM

Motion by Wipperfurth to recommend approval by the Town Board of the CSM for Hew Horizon Properties, second by McDonald, motion approved.

Information from Commission Members

Grygo commentd on a cryptocurrency mining zoning regulations for Missoula County, MT.

Public Comments

None

The next meeting is June 8, 2022, at 6:30

Motion by McDonald to adjourn second by Wipperfurth meeting adjourned 8:40 PM