

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

July 11, 2018

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

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on July 11, 2018 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of June 13, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Business Permit

Jacalyn Bahman said she plans to close her bakery business on 8th Street, Wisconsin Rapids, and move the operation to 9830 Oak Ridge Road. The business will not be open to the general public, as she will provide baked goods exclusively for Sand Valley Golf Resort. The bakery is licensed and subject to inspection. It was agreed Bahman could operate the bakery as a home business. Forbes questioned why the business permit request came before the Plan Commission. He said he will take the request to the Town Board for approval.

Fireworks ordinance

Copies of the City of Reedsburg Nuisance Ordinance, which regulates fireworks within the city, were distributed to the commission members. Discussion followed. It was agreed Town of Saratoga Nuisance Ordinance be amended to include fireworks.

Strategic Plan

Forbes said approximately 200 surveys have been returned. The survey is also available online at SurveyMonkey. Rick Bakovka thanked the Town for their participation in the Strategic Plan process and support of REGI. He said Nekoosa and Saratoga, strategic planning, are models for other communities. Bakovka also stressed the need for “workforce housing” in the area. He said this type housing is generally regarded as transitional housing (one to three years) for persons, with upper income and new to the area, before permanently moving their family. Discussion followed.

Zoning Ordinance

It was agreed to wait on major changes to the zoning ordinance and map until the dairy farm issue is resolved.

Mobile Home Ordinance

Currently the Mobile Home Ordinance does not regulate seasonal camping trailers. At issue are campers permanently parked for seasonal use. Discussion followed.

Information

Forbes said the Town is compiling a baseline of water quality, around the “farm” site, with several test wells. The well at Tower Road and Hwy 13 has tested high in nitrates. The

suspected source of the nitrates, is the parcel adjacent to Hwy 13 currently being farmed. According to the property owner, best practices are being followed regarding fertilizer applications. Snyder compared the watering practice, of short watering time, at Sand Valley Golf Resort to the center pivot at the junction of Tower Road and Hwy 13 and suggested the farm field is being over watered for the soil conditions and possibly driving nitrates beyond the plant root zone.

There were no additional public comments or questions

The next meeting is August 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Snyder, meeting adjourned 8:35 PM