

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

April 14, 2021

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Sarajane Snyder, Co-chair Absent	Josh McDonald
Tom Grygo, Secretary:	Gordon Wipperfurth, Alternate

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:35 PM on February 10, 2021 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by McDonald to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 Public Hearing and Plan Commission Meeting, second by Barth, motion approved.

Silver Creek Trail

Rob Borski presented a Quit Claim Deed naming resident as tenants in common. Borski stated that Silver Creek Trail is a private road. There was a discussion about the residents purchasing the Ruesch property, and access for properties not fronting on Silver Creek Trail. Questions were raised by the public about subdividing the property and additional access from Hwy 13. Forbes said that DOT has the authority to grant or deny access for the Ruesch property. Discussion followed about access, easements, CSM and subdividing the property.

Snyder commented about seeing a Facebook post calling the Plan Commission members a*****s and asked for respect for the members and their work.

David King CSM

A revised CSM showing the easement to CTH Z and moving the NW property line onto Lot 1 was reviewed. Motion by Barth to recommend approval of the revised King CSM, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Information from Committee Members

Snyder discussed the SPARKS park committee objectives. She said the group has walked two parcels one located at Ten Mile Creek and Bell Road and the other at Ten Mile Ave. West of Hwy Z, from the boat landing on Z to Ten Mile Ave.

Wipperfurth said he thinks SPARKS is focused on funding and has not defined what functions a park would provide. He asked for input from the public present what they would want in a park. Comments were received as follows:

ATV trails and trail head

WIAA Track

Recreational Park, shelter ball diamonds (several people suggested this)

Low key without playground equipment (concern was liability)

Walking, cross-county ski, bicycle trails

Fuehrer said parks should pay for themselves

Forbes commented about leasing to a private entity to operate a park.

Wipperfurth talked about the Town identity and logo and showed copies of the artwork. He suggested submitting the artwork to the current Town Board for approval. The prices for stationary remain the same as last year.

Forbes said grant money is available from Wood County for bicycle trails and signage. He presented copies of suggested trail head signs and commented he would like to see the Town logo on the signs.

Wipperfurth said the Wakely group is waiting for a survey of the property for burial mounds.

McDonald asked if Fuehrer had inspected the new cabins at Lakeside Fire Campground, she said he had.

Grygo commented about broken plastic bags in the ditch at 682 Hwy 73 and asked if the County or Town could request the plastic be removed. He also asked that the Town request that dirt and trees piles up on the north side of the Storage Unlimited property at STH 13 and Ranger Rd be removed.

Forbes said the sewer proposal from the Town of Rome to Wisconsin Rapids, was turned down by Wisconsin Rapids. He also said the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan Update is scheduled for April 21 at 6:00 PM

Fuehrer

Questioned if the two signs on CTH Z by Harn were new. Forbes said the signs were existing before the Town Sign Ordinance. She also commented about the rezoning in the Town of Rome from Agriculture to R4. R4 allows camping. She expressed her concern and that of the Town Board about allowing camping adjacent to residential development in Saratoga.

Snyder commended about the land clearing that has started for the solar array. She said the contractor will be giving away wood chips to the public.

Public comments were received during the meeting.

The next meeting is May 12, 2021

Motion by Snyder to adjourn second by McDonald, meeting adjourned 8:10 PM