

# Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

November 10, 2021

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

Sarajane Snyder opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:35PM on November 10, 2021, at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to approve the Plan Commission minutes of September 8 and October 13, 2021, as amended (10/13/21 correct net to met) second by McDonald, motion approved.

Dennis Trickle business permit

Motion by McDonald to recommend Town Board approval of a business permit for 1551 Branding Iron Court, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Jeffrey Servi rezoning inquiry

The Plan Commission did not approve the rezoning inquiry (Rural Preservation to Commercial) for storage units on parcel 1800219BE Blue Ridge Ln. Reasons for denial as follows:

Development is not permitted use or a conditional use

Rezoning to Commercial is not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan

Rezoning would result in spot zoning

Bicycle Trail

Review and approve the bicycle trail sign locations and information signs. A question was raised about having a "You are Here" symbol on the signs and changing the bicycle trail symbol from a hiker to a bicycle. Wipperfurth will check about this and will also prepare a final draft of the trail map for the Town Board review and approval.

Motion by Barth to accept the bicycle trail map and sign location with the revisions discusses, and recommend Town Board approval, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Town of Rome Sewer Project

Discussion centered on the need for sewer in the Town. Most of the potential need will be along Highway 13. Rhonda Carrell read three emails she received concerning individual options for the sewer project in the Town.

Town logo files

Wipperfurth said he does not have the stationary logo files and may not be able to obtain them as the company the developed the files is no longer in business. Heidi has a vector file for the Town flag.

Zoning Administrator

There was a discussion about adding clerical duties to the zoning administrator position or adding an administrative position. Fuehrer suggested having a student intern serve as the zoning administrator. She said an average salary for a full-time position for a state certified person is about \$80K per year. She estimated her average time per week at about 30 hours. Following is a suggested advertisement for zoning administrator:

Entry level Zoning Administrator for a town of 5000. Details for the position are on [dev.saratogawisconsin.org](http://dev.saratogawisconsin.org). submit resume to Heidi Kawleski, Clerk, Town of Saratoga, 1120 State Hwy 73 South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

#### Wakely task force

Wipperfurth suggested the Town work with Wakely group to help develop the historic Wakely site in conjunction with the Town. A discussion followed regarding recreation development and the assets currently available and how better to utilize them before looking for other sites to develop. Snyder asked McDonald to ask the Town Board about the potential use of ARPA Funds for recreational use. Wipperfurth will make an inquiry with the Wakely group about future development at the site.

#### Information from commission members

Grygo read a letter from Kirk and Heather Erickson, thanking the Town Board and Plan Commission for their work and decision regarding the proposed PUD adjacent to Silver Creek Trail

Snyder said Ruesch is appealing the Town decision to deny his PUD request. She also said the United Church of Christ, Wisconsin Rapids has installed solar panels on the building roof and had drastically reduced its power consumption and is selling excess power back to the city.

Fuehrer said the building plan Mike Zurfluh submitted for the recreation building/shelter were for a commercial building. She also said se received an email about adding a second sign face on the existing Osborne sign on Hwy 13. She also presented a site plan from Al Wondzell showing a proposed subdivision on the southeast corner of the intersection of Hwy 13 and Evergreen Ave. No formal action was taken.

The next meeting is December 8, 2021

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by McDonald meeting adjourned 9:10PM