



WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes 11/08/23

Attendees: Chair-Gordy Wipperfurth, Rob Borski, Josh McDonald, Brian Hamm, Criste Greening, Terry Rickaby, Dan Forbes
Absent: Nancy Koch (excused)

Chair Wipperfurth called meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was declared present.

Town Board Supervisor Roger Wilcox thanked the Plan Commission and Town Chairman Lorelei Fuehrer for the work that has been put forth this last year.

Motion by Terry Rickaby to approve minutes from the 10/11/23 Plan Commission meeting. 2nd by Josh McDonald. All approved.

Discussion of the Fenander CSM 5341 Spruce Avenue. Josh McDonald made motion to approve. 2nd by Forbes.

Saratoga resident Carl Greenway offered valuable input throughout the Camping Ordinance discussion.

Camping Ordinance debate and discussion included:

- Most agreed that the main driver for such ordinance is fire prevention. Respect for neighboring properties was also mentioned.
- Not all agreed that a driveway requirement solved the “awareness problem” that a Camping Ordinance even exists.
- In reviewing the DRAFT Camping Ordinance, the following changes were made:
 - Add “Inspections” and “Permanent Habitation” in the Definitions section.
 - Section 2 – Purpose: Add “This ordinance applies to undeveloped, private land in the Town of Saratoga (excluding utilities and outbuildings)”.
 - Section 5 – Regulations:
 - b.) Reword (too wordy).
 - c.) Add “See Fee Schedule”
 - f.) Add “Minimum 2X”
 - m.) Add “open perimeter must be maintained”.

- 5.2 Short Term: Add “15 days maximum”. Forbes suggested having a box to check for purpose of driveway: Residence or Camping.
- 5.3 Long Term (f.) Add “no municipal service available”.
- 5.4 Park Models (e.) Change to “Electrical service must meet state code”.
- 5.4 Park Models was then tabled to be discussed at the December meeting.

PC Chair Wipperfurth stated that there was no need to double the setbacks on shore land sites.

Borski suggested the addition of the following questions on the camper registration form:

- Number of camping units?
- What type of sanitary provisions will be available?
- Disposal plans?
- “Do you understand the conditions cited in the Saratoga Camping Ordinance”?
(Signature required).

Town Chairman Fuehrer to make changes to Camping Ordinance DRAFT.

PC Chair Wipperfurth presented all members with a packet that included the current Saratoga Driveway Ordinance from 2017, with sample ordinances from the towns of Tyrone, Pennsylvania and Monroe, Wisconsin.

He was of the opinion that our ordinance should more closely follow that of Tyrone’s with a defined “flow” from Definitions to Requirements to Standards to Procedural/Administrative, in that order. He stressed that we “address the logical building of a driveway”.

Town Administrator to begin looking at rewriting the Driveway Ordinance to more resemble that of Tyrone’s.

PC Chair Wipperfurth expressed his desire for the Camping Ordinance to be on the December agenda, along with a possible DRAFT of a Driveway Ordinance.

Forbes inquired if Wood County has anyone clearing brush in the Saratoga right of ways.

Next meeting date set for 12/13/23.

Motion to adjourn by Terry Rickaby. Criste Greening 2nd. Motion passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.