

Minutes of the April 05, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

Commissioners in attendance: Sleight, Rayala, Bauers, Hoehn, Behnke, Johns, Hanson  
Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Amy Kobussen, Kim Kost, Steven Bartling, Paul Puccinalli, Chris Troller, Bob Becker, Linda Wohlleber, Deb Skrobot, Tyrel Rayala, Joe McFarland, Matt Ellingson, Kevin Griffith, David Bartling, David Gouwens

Motion by Rayala, second by Behnke, to approve agenda as posted and waive the reading.  
Motion carried.

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Motion by Behnke, second by Johns to approve the March 1, 2016 Hopkins CUP hearing minutes, the Schwartz CUP hearing minutes, and the March 1, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Thiessen presented the January, February, and March 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> Q reports.

Secretary's Report

Hoehn presented the Secretary's hours for approval. Motion by Johns, second by Bauers, to approve. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining. No invoices were received.

Matters Relating to Donations to the Town

Proposed bike trail sign: Hanson suggested a location east of Haskins Rd near the town line. Will provide more information on the sign itself. No action taken.

Bike trail Fix-It locations: Behnke reported that Steven Bartling has constructed three units and would like to install 1 each at Koller Park, Rest Lake Park, and the Win-Man Trails. Motion by Johns, second by Bauers, to approve the Fix-It stations and the proposed locations. Motion carried.

Furniture donation for Pavilion: Discussion on whether the furniture donation is part of the original building donation or a separate donation. Photos of proposed furnishings to be provided. No action taken.

Proposals for relocating the Rest Lake Park boat ramp and construction of parking areas: Hanson provided copies of sketches of two proposals. Bob Becker explained several options and reported that the Parks committee voted 4-3 to accept "Option 1", leaving the boat ramp at its present location, with a new boat parking area and a loop near the pavilion. Separately, the ski club desires to move their pier farther north about 100 feet.

Discussion on moving the boat ramp south about 100 feet and the pros and cons of doing so. The issues presented involved safety concerns for the ski show performers and boaters, where along the lake bank the ice freezes solidly and where it doesn't, the fact that the fire department uses the existing ramp with its vehicle maneuvering area at the lakeshore, possible winter and summer rescue issues, the grade at the proposed new location, uncertain ice conditions at the new location, impacts on the Winter Rendezvous, environmental impacts (tree removal and runoff), providing the boat ramp and park functions of the site with more physical separation, whether the project donors will still commit to fund if the project is delayed, and the desire for some engineering (soil and otherwise) to be done and for all the stakeholders to be directly brought into the discussion before giving further consideration to moving the ramp and trailer parking area. To be taken up again at a future regular or special meeting after more detailed plans are developed.

Bike trail relocation project: Behnke characterized the installation of the boardwalk with railings that were not the railings that were approved by the Commission and the Town Board as a "bait and switch." Discussion on how this situation developed and the ramifications of it, such as whether the Town can now even accept that portion of the trail. As this subject is likely no longer within the purview of the Planning Commission, no action was proposed or taken.

Amendments to the Manitowish Waters Zoning Ordinance

No discussion or action.

Comprehensive Plan Update

No discussion or action.

Other matters for discussion

No matters brought up for discussion.

Next scheduled meeting May 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 7:39 P.M.