

Minutes of the April 18, 2016 Joint Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission and Manitowish Waters Town Board

Meeting called to order at 5:40 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

Commissioners in attendance: Sleight, Rayala, Bauers, Hoehn, Behnke, Hanson
Absent: Johns

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Debbie Johns, Amy Kobussen, Rita Mazur, Chris Troller, Ron Troller, Bob Becker, Linda Wohlleber, Deb Skrobot, John Butler, Tyrel Rayala, Joe McFarland, Kevin Griffith, David Bartling, Bob Skrobot

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

For the Town Board, motion by Behnke, second by Rayala, to approve the Town Board agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Correspondence

Comments by Kevin Griffith that moving the boat ramp has no safety value due to how far the skiers travel on their runs.

Comment by Joe McFarland that moving the ramp is not the perfect solution, but will provide more time to react.

Rest Lake Park boat landing and parking area proposals

Motion by Hanson, second by Bauers, to accept the recommendation of the Parks and Trails Committee to move the boat ramp and create parking per the plan approved in the preceding Parks and Trails Committee meeting.

Comments by Hanson that safety is only one reason to move the boat ramp. Other reasons are that moving the ramp will be helpful if there is any future development of the park; that new parking areas will bring some order to the parking situation; that the proposed plan will reduce the impervious surface area on the bank of the lake by about 7,000 sq. ft., and if the existing boat ramp is retained repairs are required and there is nothing in the budget.

Correspondence (attached to these minutes) from the Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters and the Manitowish Waters boat patrol officer was read into the record.

Discussion on lack of development of two plans as requested, modifying the parking for pull-thru parking, that the presented plan came out just today, the amount of blacktop being laid in town, amount of tree cutting, the fact that there are reasons to leave the boat ramp where it is, that boat ramp usage has increased over the years, and the number of parking spaces.

Chairman Sleight called for the vote. Motion failed on a tie vote.

Motion by Behnke, second by Rayala, that the boat ramp remains in its present location. Motion failed.

Discussion on how to proceed to settle the issue.

Other matters for discussion

No matters brought up for discussion.

Next scheduled meeting May 3, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

The Planning Commission portion of the meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 6:40 P.M.