

Minutes of the May 3, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

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

Public Visitors: Kathleen Luszczak, Frank Luszczak, Chris Troller, Kevin Griffith, Harold Huske, Tyrel Rayals, Greg Holt, Kim Kost, Steven Bartling, Nancy Hanson, Ken Jaworski, Bruce Mommaerts, Ron Frea, Vicki Frea, Rita Mazur

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

Luzcak CUP application

Comment by Zoning Administrator Thiessen that the size of the building is not in itself an issue, only that it exceeds 26x30 while being metal clad.

Motion by Hanson, second by Johns, to defer action and that the Commission as a workshop or individually view the site prior to a vote on the CUP.

Discussion: The Commissioners are to meet at 6:30 P.M. on June 7th to view the site. The owners are to flag the building site prior to the viewing.

Chairman Sleight called for a vote. Motion carried.

Grant Funding Proposal for Commercial Corridor Plan (Hwy 51 and Hwy W commercial districts)

Proposal presented by Ken Jaworski of Martenson & Eisele, Inc., Bruce Mommaerts of Granite Development Resources, and Angie Schreiber of Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation. It is proposed that the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation will grant to Grow North \$20,000 (plus \$5,000 to cover administration) towards the Town's consultant's cost to develop the plan. The Town is to contribute \$4,000, with the end result that both the Comprehensive Plan update and the Commercial Corridor Plan with be completed for no more cost to the Town than the original allocation of \$30,000 for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Ken Jaworski: The grant is in the review stage and needs to be approved, and once approved some of the logistics of administration will be determined. The contract for services is contingent upon grant approval. The plan will be developed through the summer and completed by fall prior to completion of the comprehensive plan update.

Presentation by Bruce Mommaerts on components (base mapping, needs assessment, infrastructure, brand development, business development, deliverables) of the corridor plan, implementation, and recommendations, such as creation of an oversight committee to set boundaries for the consultant. Discussion on the make-up of the oversight/steering.

Suggestion by Sleight that the corridor plan incorporate planning for businesses or future businesses along Hwy 51 that may need frontage roads due to DOT limitations on the number of driveways.

Motion by Behnke, second by Bauers, to recommend to the Town Board acceptance of the agreement for professional services with Martenson & Eisele to develop the commercial corridor plan contingent upon grant approval and the changes discussed. Motion carried.

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Motion by Bauers, second by Johns to approve the April 5, 2016 and the April 18, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Thiessen presented a letter from Laird Strand requesting clarification of certain aspects of the Town's zoning ordinance in light of the passage of WI Act 55. The questions are to be directed to the Commission's attorney, and general advice sought from the Towns Association.

Secretary's Report

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

Proposal for bike path from Manitowish River Access Road to Tower Road

Behnke reported on a proposal from Pitlik and Wick to connect the Iron County trail to Tower Road by crossing over Benson Road and proceed along the Hwy 51 r/w about 1000 feet for the contract amount of \$39,450. Funding sources unknown at this point. Informational only; no action taken.

Matters Relating to Donations to the Town

Proposed bike trail sign:

Hanson reported on a proposed map sign, but no new information on the original proposed trail sign.

Furniture donation for Rest Lake Park Pavilion:

No discussion or action

Proposals for construction of parking areas at Rest Lake Park and possible relocation of boat ramp:

Behnke reported that the donor may no longer be willing to pay for the project and that he had contacted the DNR for information on a possible 50:50 grant for repairing the boat ramp.

Bike trail boardwalk on Hwy W:

Discussion on whether that portion of the trail can be accepted by the town board as what was installed is not what was approved, and the consequences of not accepting it, such as liability.

Behnke reported that Spooner Machine has not returned his calls and that another bridge company viewed the bridge and expressed concerns about the design.

Motion by Johns, second by Rayala, to recommend that the town board not accept that portion of the trail until it is constructed as approved. Motion carried.

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles I-XIII

Commission will have a special meeting on May 17th at 7:00 P.M. to take up these agenda items and certain items relating to the corridor plan grant.

Amendments to the Manitowish Waters Zoning Ordinance

No discussion or action.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The first informational meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday of July.

Other matters for discussion

Discussion on landscaping, maintenance, and the donations policy. Review of the landscaping at Rest Lake Park to be added to the May 17th meeting.

Next scheduled meeting May 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 9:24 P.M.