

Minutes of the September 6, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

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

Public Visitors: Greg Maines, Karen Dixon, Ron Troller, Chris Troller, Kevin Griffith, Ken Jaworski, Bruce Mommaerts, Randy Richter, Jan Richter

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

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Motion by Hanson, second by Johns, to approve the August 2, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, with Bauers and Behnke abstaining.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Thiessen introduced a subdivision by Woleck and Johns on Little Star Lake, which involves taking three parcels and reconfiguring into four. Subdivision further described by Greg Maines of Maines and Associates. Motion to approve by Rayala, second by Bauers. Motion carried, with Johns abstaining.

Thiessen reported the department had received a complaint about a tent on Rest Lake Rd that is used for boat storage. Consensus of the Commission is that it is not a zoning matter.

Secretary's Report

Hoehn presented his hours for approval. Motion by Rayala, second by Johns, to approve. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining.

Matters relating to donations to the Town

Behnke presented a depiction of an 18x24 sign to be attached to the railing of the bike trail bridge near McCabe Lake. The Commission approved the installation. Johns raised the question about whether the donation itself needs to be approved. Hansen stated that this sign does not fall under the Town Donation Policy.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Ken Jaworski of Martenson & Eisele and Bruce Mommaerts of Granite Development Resources presented demographic and housing data to the Commission, with discussion on the implications to the community.

The consultants presented copies of various maps (i.e., existing land use, transportation system, etc.) for review for errors by the Commission members.

The consultants reviewed the planned format for the Public Participation Meeting, which will include the introduction of the public survey.

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles I-XI

Short discussion on Forest Management and Tree Removal, no action taken.

Closed Session

Motion by Hansen, second by Rayala, to convene into closed session for the purpose of "considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." Roll call vote: Rayala: Aye Bauers: Aye Hoehn: Aye Behnke: Aye Hanson: Aye Johns: Aye Sleight: Aye  
Time is 8:29 p.m. Hoehn left the meeting.

Return to Open Session

Hoehn returned to the meeting. Motion by Hanson, second by Rayala, to reconvene in open session. Time is 8:32 p.m. Roll call vote: Rayala: Aye Bauers: Aye Hoehn: Aye Behnke: Aye Hanson: Aye Johns: Aye Sleight: Aye

Motion by Behnke, second by Rayala, to raise the Planning Commission Secretary wages to \$17.00/hour. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining.

Motion by Rayala, second by Hanson, to renew the Secretary's contract for 2017. Roll call vote: Rayala: Aye Bauers: Aye Hoehn: Abstain Behnke: Aye Hanson: Aye Johns: Aye Sleight: Aye Motion carried.

Other matters for discussion

Johns requested a review of the Town Donation Policy as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting October 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. The Public Participation Meeting is set for September 20, 2016, at 6:00 P.M., and will be posted as a workshop.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 8:41 P.M.