

Minutes of the February 2, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission held concurrently with a Special Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Town Board.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 P.M. by Chairman Sleight, following the conclusion of the workshop called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Town Chair Hanson held for the purpose of reviewing plans for moving the bike trail and the design and location of the proposed bridge.

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

Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen and Town Clerk Dana Hilbert

Public Visitors: Tyrel Rayala, Kevin Griffith, Greg Holt

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

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion by Hanson, second by Rayala, to approve the January 5, 2016 meeting minutes and the January 19, 2016 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Thiessen stated that he has nothing new to report since the last meeting other than that there is a possible condo plat in the works.

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.

Enforcement of the Comprehensive Plan

In response to questions posed by the Commission via email, Attorney Greg Strasser replied via email that "The Town of Manitowish Waters Year 2022 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) is enforceable. It was adopted in accordance with the State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law (Wis. Stat Sec. 66.1001). It does not appear that there have been any successful legal challenges to the enforceability of the Plan or any similar plan." In response to other questions, Attorney Strasser replied that the town may impose conditions on the acceptance of an offer for a gift, and that "The Plan includes language that references and encourages the development of bike trails but does not otherwise expressly define the details of the development or maintenance of bike trails."

Matters Relating to Donations to the Town

Motion by Hanson that the Planning Commission recommend to the Town Board that the Board support the proposal by the DNR to relocate the section of bike trail adjacent to Hwy W off the highway right-of-way as per the trail and bridge proposal and survey presented, second by Hoehn. Discussion on whether or not options for the location of the bridge had been fully explored and discussion on some proposed options. Comments on the procedure followed to this point, timely dissemination of information to the Commission, lack of elevations on the drawings, and on consulting the Commission even before the request was even made to the DNR. The DNR hearing is scheduled for February 15, 2016 from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Community Center.

Motion by Behnke, second by Rayala, to amend the motion on the floor with the addition that the recommendation is contingent upon the receipt of the elevations requested as well as a larger-scale map for better visual definition. Vote on the amendment and the motion as amended: Motion on the amendment carried. Motion as amended carried.

The proposed bike trail sign for along Hwy 51: Questions and discussion on purpose, location, size. Comments that it would be better utilized along Hwy K at the MW/BJ town line. No action taken.

Furniture donation for Rest Lake Pavilion: Hanson stated that any (inside) furniture donation should be considered part of the pavilion project previously approved. Hanson to provide more information for a future meeting.

Amendments to the Manitowish Waters Zoning Ordinance

No discussion or action

Comprehensive Plan Update

Hanson: Received written proposals from MSA Professional Services and Martenson & Eisele and an email from North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission stating that they work upon request and that they do not respond to RFP's due to the fact that they are a governmental agency. Hanson to try to arrange a February special meeting to meet with representatives of the three planners.

Other matters for discussion

Hanson presented questions from Martinson and Eisele regarding the planning process for a future Highway W Corridor Plan and asked for input.

Next scheduled meeting March 1st, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

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