

Minutes of the June 7, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:08 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

Commissioners in attendance: Sleight, Rayala, Bauers, Hoehn, Behnke, Johns (via telephone), Hanson

Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: Kevin Griffith, Karen Dixon, Lisa Hopkins, Barry Hopkins, Kathleen Luszczak, Frank Luszczak, Chris Troller, Chris Sindberg, Bob Skrobot, Deb Skrobot, Tyrel Rayala, Greg Holt, David Gouwens, Evan Verploegh, Lupe Smith, Jan Richter, Randy Richter, Corban Klug, Kim Kost

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

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Motion by Hanson, second by Bauers to approve the May 3, 2016 Luszczak CUP public hearing and the May 3, 2016 and the May 17, 2016 Planning Commission meetings as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: Luszczak CUP application

The Commissioners viewed the site as a workshop prior to the meeting.

Following discussion, motion by Hanson, second by Behnke, to approve the CUP application with the conditions attached that the SE corner of the building be turned 30 feet to the north from the present staked location and that evergreen trees are planted after construction on the south and east side of the building. Roll call vote:

Hoehn: Aye Behnke: Aye Bauers: Nay Hanson: Aye Rayala: Aye Sleight: Aye Johns: Abstain
Motion carried.

Griswold CUP application

Motion by Bauers, second by Behnke to approve the CUP application. Roll call vote:

Rayala: Aye Hoehn: Aye Bauers: Aye Behnke: Aye Hanson: Aye Sleight: Aye Johns: Abstain
Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Nothing additional to report.

Secretary's Report

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

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

No discussion or action.

Signage for Rest Lake Park boat ramp

Rayala reported that he had contacted Joe McFarland about installing a sign with water skiing practice and show hours. Hanson reported that he had received suggested wording from McFarland and believes that the language complies with requirements. Motion by Rayala, second by Bauers to approve the proposed sign. Motion carried.

Koller Park stage addition

Presentation by Barry Hopkins on a proposal to expand the stage from its present 309 sq. ft. to 496 sq. ft. in order to accommodate larger bands with sound production.

Motion by Rayala, second by Hoehn, to recommend to the Town Board approval of the stage addition as presented. Motion carried.

Matters Relating to Donations to the Town

Furniture donation for Rest Lake Park Pavilion:

Discussion on whether the approval of the donation of the pavilion included the furniture or not, and the appropriateness of the furniture being attached to the floor. Liz Uihlein explained why the furniture was secured in a 06/06/2016 email to the Commissioners. Hanson stated that he knew that the furniture was to be delivered and instructed that it be placed in storage until the landscaping was completed, and discovered it was installed and fastened down after-the fact. Barry Hopkins read from a letter that he sent to the Town Board in which he stated that the furniture, while beautiful, is not

functional nor appropriate for the pavilion and its expected uses. Discussion on the appropriateness of the furniture for the location and uses vs items such as picnic tables.

Motion by Rayala, second by Johns, to recommend to the Town Board to remove the furniture. Motion failed on a 3-3 vote (Behnke – no vote.)

Motion by Behnke, second by Hanson, that the majority of the furniture be removed from the pavilion and placed in storage, at the Town Board's discretion, with the remainder to be unfastened from the floor. Motion carried (5-2).

Proposals for construction of parking areas at Rest Lake Park and possible relocation of boat ramp: The Parks committee voted 4-3 not to hire an engineering firm to assist in the process of developing proposals for the project. Hanson reported that is on the TB agenda to discuss developing a master plan for the whole park to help resolve the issue of whether to repair or relocate the boat landing.

Comprehensive Plan Update

Bruce Mommaerts of Granite Development emailed the Commission requesting a review of the questionnaire for Citizen Participation Workshop and of the Town Vision Statement prior to the June 28th meeting.

Commercial Corridor Plan

Hanson reported that the grant from WEDC through Grow North is not going to happen. It may be possible to obtain the grant from WEDC via Vilas County Development Corporation.

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles I-XI

Hoehn and Thiessen are directed to consult with Matt Wittry of Matt Wittry Forestry to try to develop some proposals for the next meeting regarding Article 5 Forest Management and Tree Removal.

Other matters for discussion

No other matters brought up for discussion.

Next scheduled meeting June 28, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 8:32 P.M.