

Minutes of the June 28, 2016 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Sleight.

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

Absent: Bauers

Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: Kevin Griffith, Greg Holt, Carol McClellan, Bill King, Bruce Mommaerts

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

Motion carried.

Public Comments/Correspondence

None

Motion by Hanson, second by Rayala, to approve the June 7, 2016 CUP public hearing minutes and the June 7, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Zoning Administrator Thiessen presented the April, May, and June (to date) reports on building permit activity. Thiessen also reported that he viewed the building site for the proposed building that was the subject of the Luszczak CUP application.

Matters relating to donations to the Town

No discussion or action.

Amendments to Zoning Ordinance Articles I-XI

Hoehn presented a re-write of Article 5.10 Forest Management and Tree Removal for discussion.

Discussion on the Forest Management definition and the addition of language relating to Best Management Practices after "qualified Forester." Discussion on the need for guidelines that take in account the size of the parcel for parcels not in Ag and Forestry. More work required on definitions. No action taken.

Comprehensive Plan Update

-Discussion on width of Hwy W right-of-way in the downtown area.

-The Commission reviewed the draft public participation survey questions with Bruce Mommaerts of Granite Development, striking some and adding new ones.

-Survey cost and delivery/tabulation options: Following proposal presentation and discussion, motion by Hansen, second by Rayala, to approve the proposal by Martenson and Eisele for the public participation survey with 10 final copies as deliverables. Motion carried.

-The public participation meeting scheduled for July 19, 2016 is to begin at 6:00 P.M. with an introduction by Dan Sleight.

-The Town's vision statement presently incorporated in the comprehensive plan was reviewed and it was determined that it should be replaced by the community vision statement included in the preface of the 1996 draft land use plan.

Commercial Corridor Plan

Bruce Mommaerts reported that the grant for the commercial corridor plan stalled when the WEDC notified Grow North that they did not have enough information, which was followed by a shake-up in the Grow North administrative staff. Hanson reported that he and Steve Bartling met with Vilas County Economic Development Committee and presented a proposal for VCEDC to seek the grant from WEDC, changing the focus from a corridor plan to a Community Sustainability Plan.

Other matters for discussion

No other matters brought up for discussion.

Next scheduled meeting August 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Sleight. Time was 9:36 P.M.