

Approved 06/06/2017

Minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Dan Sleight`

Commissioners in attendance: Sleight, Bauers, Hoehn, Becker, Kramer, Johns

Absent: Hanson

Also present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public visitors: John Butler, Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Ron Jaworski, Gale Wolf, Rita Mazur, Evan Verploegh

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Johns, second by Bauers, to approve the agenda and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Correspondence

Hoehn reported that that the Town Board would be holding a workshop on the Multipurpose Trail Master Plan prior to the Town Board meeting on May 10th.

Reports and/or Recommendations from Town Committees

No discussion

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johns, second by Kramer, to approve the April 4, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion carried, with Bauers abstaining.

Donations to the Town

No discussion

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen reported he is still looking at County subdivision ordinance and how it can be incorporated into the Town ordinance, and at the new County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Will have a report and recommendations at a later date. Thiessen further reported that it is becoming clearer, based on conversations with County zoning officials, what portions of our ordinance can and cannot be enforced. Permits issued to date are running ahead of last year.

Secretary's Report

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

Comprehensive Plan Update

Ken Jaworski of Martenson & Eisele presented the draft of Chapter 8, Land Use. The two biggest changes from the existing plan, other than certain additions and deletions of text and updating of charts and tables, are: 1. A consolidation of the three business classifications (General Business, Community Business, and Recreational) into one classification called "Commercial." This will result in giving the plan more flexibility. 2. Removal of the zoning maps and tables associated with zoning calculations to help ensure there is no confusion over what is "zoning" and what is "planning."

Draft text and updated tables and charts were reviewed, with several areas identified that require verification. Discussion on including a section on incompatible uses under airport runway approach/departure flightpaths.

Discussion on the last version of the revised SWOT.

Chapters 7 and 9 are to be reviewed at the June meeting with Bruce Mommoaerts.

Amendments to the Manitowish Waters Zoning Ordinance

No discussion or action.

Next meeting June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. If a second meeting in June is required, it will be June 27th.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 8:38 P.M.