

Minutes of the January 09, 2018 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

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

Commissioners Present: Sleight, Becker, Hoehn, Hanson, Johns, Kramer

Absent: Bauers

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Thiessen

Public Visitors: None

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments and Correspondence

None

Reports and/or Recommendations from Town Committees

No discussion or action

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Becker, second by Johns, to approve the December 5, 2017 Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen presented the 4th Q permit report, the yearly tabulation and the year-end report (attached to these minutes.) Total permit fees collected for 2017 were \$10,550.55, vs. \$6,372.00 for 2016. Thiessen also reported that the use variance request by Eau Holdings passed on a 3-1 vote by the Board of Appeals.

Secretary's Report

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

Tabled Eau Holdings Petition to Amend Preferred Land Use Plan

Motion by Johns, second by Kramer to remove discussion and action on the petition from the table. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, second by Johns, to deny the request by Eau Holdings to amend the land use plan. Roll call vote:

Becker: Aye Hoehn: Aye Johns: Aye Kramer: Aye Hanson: Aye Sleight: Aye Motion carried.

Proposal to reduce minimum required living area for guest homes

Following discussion, motion by Kramer, second by Johns, to remove the word "any" from the phrase "any one living unit" in 4.1(B.)1. Following further discussion, Kramer withdrew his motion and Johns withdrew his second. Motion by Kramer, second by Johns, to replace the wording "any one living unit" in 4.1(B.)1. with the words "the principle structure." Roll call vote:

Becker: Aye Hoehn: Aye Johns: Aye Kramer: Aye Hanson: Aye Sleight: Aye Motion carried.

This action clarifies that under the ordinance the primary dwelling has a 960 square foot minimum livable area, but a guest house, while still subject to a CUP, has no minimum size requirement.

Proposal to regulate short term rentals in R-1 via a permitting process

Hoehn presented handouts on the Home Owners Bill or Rights and on what municipalities can do as far as regulating short term rentals under the new state law. Discussion on whether any regulation should be via the zoning ordinance or the town code of ordinances; whether renting should be limited to 6 months as the law allows it to be; permitting processes; enforcement; the state tourist rooming house license; existing town and county requirements. The existing town ordinance was reviewed. Town Clerk Hilbert explained what is required of businesses providing accommodations before receiving their business permit. It was suggested that the Clerk require the applicant to show that the County has completed the health inspection before issuing the town permit. As a permitting process is already in place, the remaining question is whether or not to enforce a 6 month cap on rentals. No action proposed or taken.

Next meeting February 6, 2018, at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 6:53 P.M.