

Minutes of the April 3, 2018 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

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

Commissioners Present: Dan Sleight, Robert Becker, Dan Johns Jr, John Hanson

Absent: Vince Hoehn, Mike Kramer

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: Greg Holt, Nick Simonis

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments and Correspondence

Thiessen handed out Henry Bauer's letter of resignation from the Planning Commission to members of the Commission who had not already received a copy.

Reports and/or Recommendations from Town Committees

No discussion or action

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johns, second by Becker, to approve the February 6, 2018 Arnold CUP Hearing Minutes and the February 6, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen reported that he had received a call about the town road layout on Cherry Blossom Lane inquiring if anything had changed at the Town level. Hanson stated "No." Further discussion established that nothing would be done unless a request made to address the issue and a need demonstrated. Thiessen to take this back to the inquiring party.

Thiessen reported on a question concerning a property on Twin Pines Road and whether a CUP is required to allow multiple single (unrelated) family residences on a single property zoned Recreational. Consensus of Commission is that the ordinance has a recurring spelling error that leads to confusion, and that the intent is that a CUP is not required.

Secretary's Report

Thiessen presented the Secretary's hours for approval. Motion by Johns, second by Becker, to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action on Planning Commission Vacancy

Hanson reported that the town board will run ads and interview for the existing vacancy and for any other terms that might be up this year.

Discussion on Possible Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Hanson reported that he spoke to Dawn Schmidt, Vilas County Zoning Administrator, about short term rentals. Hanson read a letter from her detailing the County's requirements, the fact that the County would not be enacting a stand-alone ordinance, and what Towns could do/regulate on their own. Discussion on the possibility of enacting an ordinance at the Town level. Hanson suggested making an effort to educate the public on what the law requires might be sufficient for at least the near term. Sleight stated that issues are sure to arise and the Town should be proactive.

Hanson suggested that the Commission may consider looking into the possible effects in Manitowish Waters of changes to state mining laws.

Next meeting May 1, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 6:30 P.M.