

Minutes of the September 4, 2018 Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

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

Commissioners Present: Dan Sleight, Mike Kramer, Robert Becker, John Hanson, Vince Hoehn
Dan Johns, Jr

Absent: Frances Whitfield

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: Chuck Kramer, Karen Dixon, Greg Holt

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments and Correspondence

None

Reports and/or Recommendations from Town Committees

None

Governmental Correspondence

None

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kramer, second by Hanson, to approve the August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried, with Johns abstaining.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen introduced Chuck Kramer, who presented a proposed seven lot subdivision of a 12.6 acre parcel zoned light manufacturing. Existing structure is a pole building containing an apartment. Thiessen expects that the subdivision will be done via a series of CSMs, and that he would be able approve administratively. Discussion on minimum lot widths, setbacks, and road requirements that apply for the zoning district and proposed uses. Thiessen to work with the surveyor for the final design.

Secretary's Report

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

Old Business

None

Discussion/Action on Article VI (Signs)

Thiessen presented his views regarding recurring problems with signs that don't meet the intent of the ordinance, and that more flexibility may be required. Hanson stated that at most the sign ordinance would need "tweaking" here and there. Question on intent of 6.6(B.) Discussion on removal of abandoned signs in the Hwy 51 right-of-way. Discussion on permitting electronic changeable signs and regulations for same, such as monochromatic, size, brightness (lumens), alpha numeric only vs images, rate of change, hours of operation. No action taken.

Next meeting October 4, 2018, following the CUP public hearing beginning at 7:00 P.M., at the airport terminal building. Agenda items to include a CUP, budget, and secretary contract.

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 7:44 P.M.