

Minutes of the November 06, 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, John Hanson, Vince Hoehn
Dan Johns Jr, Frances Whitfield

Absent: Mike Kramer

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: Greg Holt

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Hanson, second by Whitfield, to approve the agenda as posted and waive the reading. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Correspondence

Greg Holt provided all members of the Commission with a letter relating to outdoor lighting and Dark Sky initiatives. He read from the state statute that speaks to regulating outdoor lighting in shoreland areas. He further offered to provide assistance should the Commission choose to review night lighting from an ordinance perspective.

As an adjunct to this topic Hanson reported that Xcel energy will no longer allow the community to make use of their downtown transmission poles for decorations and holiday lighting, and that some other means to support those lights and decorations will be necessary.

Reports and/or Recommendations from Town Committees

None

Governmental Correspondence

None

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johns, second by Whitfield, to approve the October 2, 2018 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes, and the October 23, 2018 Public Hearing and Special Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

Thiessen presented the Q3 reports, stating that it is a good year for new homes, with 5 permitted in the third quarter alone.

Thiessen reported that he has heard that County is going to holding public hearings this winter on a proposal to prohibit new guest houses in the shoreland zoning area. More information should be forthcoming soon.

Secretary's Report

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

Unfinished Business

Article IV Signs: Short discussion on how to proceed on a review of the Article. No action proposed or taken.

New Business

Hanson reported that a presentation at a Towns Association meeting on Act 67 recommended that Towns update their CUP ordinances to reflect state law.

Next scheduled meeting January 8, 2019 at 6:00 P.M., prior to the Town Board Meeting.
Agenda items to include Signs and Article 10.5 Conditional Use Permits

Meeting declared adjourned by Chair Sleight. Time was 6:32 P.M.