

Minutes of the **May 5, 2020** Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Planning Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:12 P.M. by Chair Dan Sleight, following the conclusion of the public hearing that began at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Dan Sleight, Vince Hoehn, Mike Kramer, Dan Johns, Jr, Robert Becker
Absent: John Hanson
Also Present: Zoning Administrator Tom Thiessen

Public Visitors: Bryan Sipple

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments and Correspondence

None

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Motion by Becker, second by Kramer, to approve the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator's Report

ZA Thiessen presented his 1st Q reports on permits issued.

Sipple CUP Application

Thiessen reported that the design was approved by Vilas County, setbacks are OK, no issues on the application itself. Applicant Sipple spoke on how the boathouse is to be used, on how he may seek to realign the common lot line between his two lots (not a part of this proceeding), and that his plans for the property overall are still indefinite.

Motion by Johns, second by Kramer, to approve the CUP application. Roll call vote:
Becker: Aye Kramer: Aye Johns: Aye Hoehn: Aye Sleight: Aye Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Update on zoning violations: Thiessen reported that Judge Nielsen disallows any fines if the landowner agrees to a restoration plan. The Town does not do restoration plans – the County determines those. In the shoreland setback area all we can fine for is tree cutting.

Bryan Sipple stated that he met with Jim Janet and received a permit to back fill an eroded seawall. He and Janet disagreed on how the job should be done regarding the use of machinery. He didn't cut any trees, but he did run over saplings. He asked for a permit for a wall to secure the bank, but was denied. Instead he created a "living wall" out of 1500 soil bags. Janet approved the installation. He still has to hydroseed the wall or drape the wall with mats. The trees that he cut were dead or dying, but one live tree did fall into the lake.

The consensus of the Commission is that Mr. Sipple should pay for an after-the fact tree cutting permit for each lot.

Regarding the Mueller violation, Thiessen reported that his property is for sale. John Hanson spoke to the Vilas County Zoning Administrator about the matter. Once again, all we can do is issue a violation for tree cutting. Perhaps another after-the fact permit, plus a couple of thousand dollars as a fine, and a lien on the property. Consensus of the Commission is that the fine should be \$100/day, for the number of days to be determined after a review by Thiessen of the history of the issue.

Secretary Report

Hoehn presented the secretary's hours for approval. Motion by Johns, second by Kramer, to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried, with Hoehn abstaining.

New Business

No discussion or action.

Next scheduled meeting: Tentatively June 2nd at 7:00 P.M. Meeting to be held only if there is necessary business to transact. No meeting in July.

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