

Town of Somerset Plan Commission

February 18, 2009

Minutes

7:00-8:55 pm

Present: Larry Rauch, Chairman, Sherrill Schottler, Secretary, Paul Boerger, Craig Letourneau, Peter Johnson, Doug Plourde, Miles Wittig

Absent: Lenny Germain

Meeting called to order 7:01 pm

Wittig moved, Johnson Seconded motion to approve agenda. Motion approved.

Minutes of January 21 2009 meeting were reviewed. Letourneau moved, Wittig seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion approved.

There were no concerned township residents present.

Old Business

Report from Town Board meeting: Rauch reported on the February meeting. One specific from the meeting was the appointment of a new member to Park and Rec Committee. One particular item of note is that the West Wisconsin Land Trust is negotiating purchasing the Otto Silha property of 318 acres. See published minutes for other specific items.

Report from Park and Rec Committee: no report at this time. Next meeting will be held the first of March. Town Board did direct the Park and Rec Committee to develop some guidelines for dealing with requests for funding from various groups from the Park and Rec budget.

Land Division worksheet is being worked on.

Ordinance Codification: Plourde is in the process comparing businesses that do this in hopes of coming to a conclusion on which firm to choose.

Comprehensive Plan 10 year review; anticipated start date is May. Rauch hopes that the PC and Board will have finished up the subdivision ordinance first. In the meantime all PC members are encouraged to be reading and reviewing the current comprehensive plan in preparation for the required review work.

Subdivision ordinance update: After the joint meeting Rauch followed up on what he was directed to do. In addition the County has reviewed the Somerset subdivision work completed so far and is generally pleased with the progress and wording of our document.

Item from joint meeting: lot access to roads (flag lots). Specifically 66 ft access for roads and if this is made a smaller amount as per discussion from joint meeting. The ramifications of adjusting the 66 ft can be a problem when lots are re subdivided in the future. Results of the discussions with County seems to be that it would be in our best interests to leave the width at 66 feet.

Item: specific review from sections of subdivision ordinance. County suggested PC rework sections **10.0 Waiver, setback reduction and administrative appeal**, **11.0 Fees**, **12.0 Violations and Forfeitures** and **13.0 Definitions** pp. 41-45. The previous wording was directly from the County and it is necessary for Somerset to develop wording that fits specifically for Somerset Township. Some proposed suggested wording changes were discussed and agreed upon. A revised copy of these sections will be inserted in the next draft.

There being no further business Plourde moved, Letourneau seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Sherrill Schottler, Secretary