

Town of Somerset Plan Commission

March 17 2010

Minutes

7:05 -8:45

Present: Larry Rauch, Chair; Sherrill Schottler, Secretary; Paul Boerger, Doug Plourde, Miles Wittig

Absent: Craig Letourneau

Meeting called to order 7:05 pm. Agenda was reviewed. Wittig moved, Rauch seconded motion to approved agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes of February 17 2010 were reviewed. Plourde moved, Wittig seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

There were no concerned Town residents.

Old Business

Report from Town Board Meeting: A request has been put in for an agricultural enterprise area, 1200 acres, under the Working Lands initiative. This area is in the NE part of the Town although most of this acreage is in Polk County. In addition, road projects for next year were reviewed.

Report from Parks and Rec Committee. Boerger reported on the history of the acquisition of the old dump site from Alley Parnell. The site is now the new Town Prairie Park. Boerger provided a thorough report on the events. After reviewing the history of the sale, it is clear that the transaction was a clear and fair land sale; it was not a gift from Parnell. The site is being restored as a prairie park, as yet unnamed. See enclosure.

Update on rezoning, worksheet and adjacent landowner notification: Letourneau will give report next month when he returns to meeting.

Special exception worksheet is on hold until the Working Lands Initiative, which went into effect January 1, is clarified. Also there has been a legal challenge to the permitting process at County level so our worksheet wording is on hold until the County has finished their work.

Update on ordinance codification: Contract has been signed with Municode (Michigan, Florida based) Base cost is \$8000. Getting ordinances codified will be a 12-18 month process.

Update on candidate selection process: At this meeting 3 candidates were present. See their enclosed letters of application. Susan Sroka's letter is enclosed; however,

she attended the February meeting. Candidates present were Bill Lawson, Joe Jahnke and Russell Hultman.

Rauch encouraged the candidates to review the Land Use Plan and the Comprehensive Plan especially since the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled to be updated and revised. Rauch and Schottler will get together to organize some documents (subdivision maps, etc) for review at the next meeting by the candidates.

Russ Hultman: 12 years in City of Stillwater on the Planning Department. Has been a resident in Somerset for 7 years. Background is in engineering and construction. He is licensed as a building inspector.

Joe Jahnke: Graduate of Somerset High School, spent most of career time in California as soil scientist, has worked in zoning, retired and moved back to Somerset area in 2007.

Bill Lawson: almost a native, grew up in Somerset, engineering, Laser Machining, retired from Laser in 2005, now self employed. Experience for Plan Commission is that he has lived here and worked with zoning rules; is very interested in helping town maintain open space.

Update on changes in zoning approvals: No updates at this time.

New Business

County notifications: notice of violation about illegal residence. See enclosure.

Other: State of Wisconsin Dept Revenue has notified Town of Somerset that we are not in compliance of being within 10% of full value for the 2010 year. Town will need to be in compliance by the end of the year or the State will do the reassessment for 2011 and charge the Town appropriately.

There being no further business Plourde moved, Wittig seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sherrill Schottler, Secretary