

TOWN OF SOMERSET PLAN COMMISSION
Minutes

June 17 2009

7:40-8:30 pm

Present: Larry Rauch, Chair, Sherrill Schottler, Secretary, Doug Plourde, Paul Boerger, Craig Letourneau

Absent: Miles Wittig, Peter Johnson

Meeting called to order 7:40 pm

Plourde Moved, Letourneau seconded motion to approve agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes of May 20, 2009 were reviewed. Letourneau Moved, Plourde seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Concerned Township Residents. Schottler brought up issues at Pine Lake. As a resident on Rice Lake Road Schottler has concerns about the newly installed dock. The dock has already been used in a manner not intended when a group of children placed a ramp extension on the dock and was using it as a place to catapult their bikes into the lake. Towns Chair Schachtner was told of the activity but by the time he arrived the children were gone. Schottler also noted there is no signage posted. It was understood there would be signage about appropriate use of dock and signage regarding appropriate parking. Schottler wanted to reaffirm that the Plan Commission had no input in the planning and placement of this structure; it was the total responsibility of the Town Board as they considered it a road project and didn't feel it necessary to work through the Plan Commission procedure for this structure.

Old Business

Report from Town Board meeting: Rauch reported that Pine Lake improvements were supposed to be completed and signed off by June 30. Twin Springs residents concerns were discussed. Some who have deeded rights in perpetuity to use the ramp facilities will be allowed to use the facilities without charge. These residents will be issued one free permit per household. Dry hydrant will be installed on Pine Lake. 160th Ave & 85th St. intersection is being redone to make it safer.

Report from Park and Rec Committee: Boerger reported that Lenny Germain will be new president, Jean Hoffman will be secretary. Discussed was possibility that parking would be installed at the former 50 acre Dump site and in future mowed foot trails may be established on that site.

Land Division Worksheet: Rauch reported it is still in progress, draft will be sent in an email

Ordinance Codification: Plourde has last of ordinances in hand and will now compile them altogether in one place so that cost quotes can be made to the Town Board.

Subdivision ordinance : It is now in the Board's hands, a public meeting will be held this summer, passage is anticipated in September. _

Comprehensive Plan 10 year review: PC is reminded it is necessary to continue reviewing the comprehensive plan as we will start the update process in the coming months. Rauch will contact West Central, Jay Tappen, for advice and input on what is required. Rauch will try to do this before the next monthly meeting.

New Business

Plourde brought up issue of new sign that has been put up by the Hiway Campground on County I south of the high school. It is an off-premise sign; it is not on highway property. Property is owned by Tommy Belisle. The county has sent the Town Board an email relating to this after the fact permit and asking if the Town has any concerns over the sign. Question is: because County has the ordinance and control over signage shouldn't there have been some kind of hearing. There is also the probable concern that the sign is actually too big and the Plan Commission does have an issue with this. One concern is that if this is allowed to stand there will be a flood of signs appearing in the future.

There being no further business Plourde moved, Letourneau seconded motion to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrill Schottler, Secretary