

Town of Somerset Plan Commission

November 18, 2009

Minutes

7:30-9:10 pm

Present: Larry Rauch, chair, Sherrill Schottler, Secretary; Paul Boerger, Craig Letourenau, Doug Plourde, Miles Wittig

Meeting called to order 7:35 pm

Agenda: Rauch added to agenda for information: Old Business: Stillwater bridge, New Business: County Comprehensive Plan. Wittig moved, Plourde seconded motion to approve amended agenda. Motion passed.

Minutes of October 21 2009 meeting were reviewed. Plourde moved, Boerger seconded motion to approve minutes October 21, 2009. Motion passed.

There were no concerned township residents.

Old Business

Rauch gave report from Town Board minutes. See review from newspaper. One item of concern is residents are beginning to put significantly large items in the road right away. Town has sent out letters to residents informing them items need to be removed.

Park and Rec. Committee: Boerger reported progress from the committee. One item of concern is how to get the word out to the community that there is now a Town park (on the old dump site) and residents need to be informed of its availability so that it will get use. Committee is looking into how to develop advertising/information perhaps on the web. Another item to be taken care of is how to groom the walking trail. The item of naming the park will be taken care of in the future.

Land Division Worksheet has been completed and will not appear on December agenda
Adjacent landowner notification: it has come to the attention of the Plan Commission that there is some concern about the cost and effectiveness of the current notification process. Post office is suggesting that a modified procedure be used. First step is to check with County and see what procedure/method is being used at that level. Rauch will do this.

Rezoning, worksheet: Boerger handed out latest draft of worksheet: Commission members are to read and review it and come to December meeting with suggestions.

Special Exception Worksheet is still being worked on.

Ordinance Codification: Plourde would like Commission members to look at other Towns web sites and how easy their ordinance sites are to manipulate. Report back to Plan Commission at December meeting.

Other: Bridge open house; Rauch attended Nov 4 2009 meeting and has brought back information to share.

New Business

County Comprehensive Plan: Rauch attended workshop today. One item talked about was the new procedure that will be in effect January 1, 2010. When property is rezoned from exclusive ag there will be additional fees and costs. In addition many changes have been made at the state level to the shoreline ordinances so County will be rewording their ordinances. It has been suggested that since the nation-wide census will be done in 2010 but hard date will not be actually available until probably 2012, Somerset should wait to do its Comprehensive Plan update until that data is available. In addition a focused community survey should be conducted at the time of the Comprehensive Plan review.

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Interviewing for vacant place on Plan Commission.

Schottler suggested that there be a special posting in the newspaper to alert the community that there is a vacancy on the Plan Commission.

A December 1 deadline for applications was suggested by Rauch with goal of making a selection at the December Plan Commission. Kim Anez has withdrawn her application.

Lynn Cook , 2210 40 th St. , Somerset WI, was present and requested to be considered as a candidate for the vacancy. Cook's reason for applying is that he has the time to serve, he attends Town meetings, feels he is level headed and gives considerable thought to decision making. In addition Cook feels that the Plan Commission should become more user friendly and easier to work with and he wants to serve to work to that end.

There being no further business, Wittig moved, Plourde seconded motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned 9:10 pm Respectfully submitted Sherrill Schottler, Secretary

