

## **Town of Plum Lake Long Range Planning Committee Meeting**

**March 29, 2022**

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM. Present were town chairman, Will Maines, town supervisor Kevin Rasmussen, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Todd Weberg, Shane Zaruba

The meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Sayner Post Office, US Star Lake Post Office, and notice given to the Vilas County News-Review, The Lakeland Times, WRJO and WERL, as well as posted on the Town Website.

Kevin Rasmussen reviewed the procedure for this committee. When finished plan will be presented for approval by the electors. at the annual Town Meeting in 2023.

The need for an updated long-range plan was prompted by the need for broadband in our community. A broadband committee was formed in 2021 and is working on selecting an ISP [ISP] provider to represent the town for grant applications.

The committee discussed the need for an inventory of town land holdings and buildings to determine usability taking into account proximity of utilities, transportation access and the possibility of cooperation with local organizations for labor or monetary contributions. A summary of the various land assets will be discussed with a list of the best possible use of each parcel.

Ideas put forth included housing sites, pedestrian trails, motorized or non-motorized parks, development of a dog park with walking trails and possibly a warming house, paths along Plum Creek and a cooperative effort with the Sayner Star Lake Lions to keep the Razorback Ridges ski trails going. UTV trails were discussed. A trail has been designated and is waiting for DNR approval.

In light of the recent power outage Shane questioned the possibility revisiting the new community center with stand-alone power heat and electric, generator and/or solar where community members could go to charge their phones or have a hot drink as well as a center for community events.

Todd Weberg noted that the Plum Ski-ers are working on developing their site and have added electricity. This is another plus for our community.

We need to determine what the community wants and who benefits from these changes, community or visitors. For community feedback, options for a survey will be explored to determine community wants and needs.

A vision statement needs to be created. As a start, Shane noted the "Find yourself in Sayner" flags put out by the chamber that emphasize the quiet and peacefulness of the area and the recreational possibilities.

The need for improvement and regular maintenance of the Town website will be our first step for ease of communicating and disseminating information and collection and processing of public input.

Officers were appointed: Chuck Rasmussen chair, Ida Nemec will serve as secretary. Items for the next meeting will include updating the town of Plum Lake website. Members will look at adjacent town websites for ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20. Next meeting Tues, April 12th at Noon