

Town of Plum Lake Long Range Planning Committee Meeting

April 12, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 12:01PM by chairperson, Chuck Rasmussen. Present were town chairman, Will Maines, town supervisor Kevin Rasmussen, Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, 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.

Minutes were read. Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, 2nd by Sheehan
Review from previous meeting:

ATV:UTV: Sheehan questioned the status of ATV/UTV trails. Will Maines reported that he has recently met with the DNR and they expect to have the trail open from Plum Creek Avenue to downtown (Mobil) by the end of the summer. A route to Star Lake still has not been developed.

Broadband: In regards to broadband, the committee has not met in a year. Kevin will contact Kim Lechner, chair of the broadband committee to join our meeting and give the background and an update of the broadband process.

Land inventory: For further discussion of the town's land holdings and to help in determining best possible use of each parcel, maps of town properties and how they are zoned will be needed. Sheehan will contact Vilas County zoning to get copies of available maps. An inventory of insured town properties was provided to members.

Community buildings: In regard to a new community center, the old garage needs to be demolished and will be the site of a new building. Shane suggested the possibility of building the center in segments with donated time and labor from community members.

Chuck presented excerpts from the town's 2000 development plan as a guide.

The state of Wisconsin mandates an update of the town's long range plan every ten years according to state statute 66: 1001. To move ahead we need to identify our assets, properties and buildings and prioritize what needs to be done and prepare a vision statement.

Chuck has been in contact with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) for guidance in preparing a long-range plan. Funding will be needed for research assistance and data provided by the NCWRPC as well as travel expenses to meet in-person with NCWRPC staff.

It was suggested that if funding is available this year, a dog park could be created near the EMS building. This would be a positive sign that the committee is moving forward.

A meeting needs to be set with town board to what determine what direction they want to go.

In order to determine community wants and needs we will develop a questionnaire to be sent out through online surveys and paper forms. Members are asked to bring survey samples and possible questions to be used in the survey.

Chuck will provide a committee report to the town board at the next regular meeting and ask what funding is available for work with the regional planning committee (NCWRPC) and possibly a dog park. Shane will step in if Chuck is not available.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM Next meeting Monday, May 2nd at 10 AM

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Planning committee May 2, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by chairperson, Chuck Rasmussen. Present were town supervisor Kevin Rasmussen, Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, Shane Zaruba. Guests: Kim Lechner broadband committee chair and Joyce Helz

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.

Kim Lechner, chair of the broadband committee presented a background of the broadband committee and steps they taking to move forward. The main goal is fiber optic lines to every home. The first step would be to secure a broadband partner. Charter is our best option. Once they determine how much community funds are needed they would look at grant funding and donations. Letters of support from residents and businesses in the community are needed to support grant applications. The committee is planning to do a mass mailing to survey residents and establish a webpage to get community response and to provide information. They are looking at Covid Recovery monies to help fund the project. We will stay on board with the Broadband committee as it fits into the Economic Development section of our long range planning document.

Minutes were read. Debbie Seeger asked to clarify the sentence; " a meeting with the town board to determine what direction they want to go". It will read " A meeting needs to be set with the town board to determine what direction they want the committee to go with the long range plan. Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd by Sheehan.

Chuck presented a copy of the section of the Vilas County 5- year Outdoor Recreation plan from 2018 that features Plum Lake. It can be used for our recreational plan. Immediate concerns were expressed by Joyce Helz who asked for safe paved access to the park from the bike trail. Another issue to work on is a bike trail to connect Sayner and Star Lake.

Chuck has been talking with the NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission). They will help draft our long-range plan. The first step would be to prioritize the topics we need to address using the table of contents form the 2000 Plum Lake Land Use Plan. Chuck recommended that we begin with the outdoor rec plan and a vision statement. Sheehan volunteered to work on the vision statement and will email it to all for input. She will also share survey questions she has developed. Members are asked to offer survey suggestions also. We will stay on board with broadband committee and possibly use same platforms for surveys and communications we need to share with town's people.

Survey sites were discussed. All agreed that survey monkey too complicated. Google sites Google forms free and easy to use.

Administrative funds will be needed for consultant fees with NCWRPC for map fees and other possible costs.

Sheehan volunteered to be the speaker at the 2022 Town of Plum Lake annual meeting on May 10th. She will ask for the town to provide a budget for the committee, possibly from the Covid Recovery Relief fund. She will give an update on the committee's progress, and share the rough draft of our vision statement. She will also ask for a volunteer for a business representative or chamber member to join our committee.

Going forward, we will finalize the vision statement, work on the outdoor recreation plan and a plan to gather public information.

Adjourn 12:04 Next meeting June 6 at 9AM

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee June 13, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:15 by committee chair, Chuck Rasmussen.

Present Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, Shane Zaruba.

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

Minutes were read. Debbie made a motion to approve. 2nd by Sheehan.

Sheehan reported on the Annual Town Meeting held on May 10. She presented a summary of the planning committee activities so far and asked for volunteers from businesses or chamber. No one responded.

Possible projects for the plan of action for the planning committee were discussed that include submitting a budget request to the town board, developing a user survey, and meeting with other agencies to understand what guidelines are in place for land use.

Survey tools were discussed. Sheehan provided a rough draft of survey questions. After discussion, Shane volunteered to create a written survey that can be mailed to taxpayers to determine what they want and need for the community.

Sheehan presented the vision statement she has created. Following discussion, the following vision statement was approved.

The Town of Plum Lake is blessed with an abundance of Lakes and Forests that have created an enclave of beauty, peace and quiet allowing users to pursue their life in safety and security while enjoying all the benefits that a well-organized rural Town can provide.

The Town of Plum Lake is committed to maintaining and supporting the very quality of life that has drawn people to make their homes and businesses here and to live in a safe and healthy environment.

These are among the many services and amenities that draw people to vacation, work, live, raise families and retire here. The Town Board, its committees and volunteers continue to seek ways in which they can make the quality of life in the Town of Plum Lake special.

At the June 21st meeting of the Plum Lake Town Board, the committee will present the approved survey questions to the town board, 2) share the vision statement. 3) and inform the town board the we will be inviting Craig Dalton of the DNR to attend our meeting on 7/18.

The meeting with DNR representative Craig Dalton will be a brief presentation on the use of state lands for recreational purposes and to answer questions about walking trails like Trampers Trail, as well as the rules for other recreational land use.

Moving forward we will prioritize items on our plan of action and prepare for our 2023 budget request to the town which will be due in early to mid- September.

Chuck suggested we check comp plans from neighboring towns: St. Germain, Boulder Junction

A special meeting will be held on Monday, June 27th to finalize the survey and prepare for distribution.

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday July 18th at 9AM.

Minutes for Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee

June 27, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM by chair Chuck Rasmussen. Present : Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Shane Zaruba

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

The survey was reviewed and edited. Shane revised the changes and printed out the final copy. Copies will be made. Sharon Brooker has donated the paper. Kevin will use the automatic folder to fold all the surveys for mailing. Stamped envelopes have been ordered and labels will be printed. Committee members will work next week, July 5, 6 and 7 to get the surveys ready and in the mail.

Shane set up an email for the committee at townofplumlakeplanning@gmail.com. Kevin secured a domain for a planning committee website if we should need it. TOPLplanning.org

The meeting with Craig Dalton of the DNR was discussed. We are looking at what the law says about land use and what rules apply and how available parcels in the town can be used. Town organizations and businesses have been invited to attend. The meeting is set for Monday, July 18th at 9 AM in the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40AM