

Plum Lake Planning Committee July 18,2022

Meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by chairperson, Chuck Rasmussen. Present were Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, Shane Zaruba and 6 citizens including representatives from Sayner Star Lake Barnstormers, Sayner Star Lake Lions and Bike Trail.

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.

Shane went over the planning survey results received so far. Approximately 21% of the surveys have been returned with bike paths and walking paths showing the highest interest. Strong interest was shown in ATV / UTV trails with write in comments.

Chuck Rasmussen introduced Craig Dalton, property manager and Joe Fuiger, recreational manager from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Craig gave a brief overview of the DNR's master plan that was created in 2005 and is due for update in 2025. Our recreational plan will be included in their plan when it is complete.

Chuck noted our interest in walking trails and bike paths and asked what steps were needed to obtain permits from the DNR. Craig explained the process. We must first identify our plan, apply for a land use agreement and obtain necessary permits. There is a basic form to fill in and should include descriptions and maps. Land use permits are usually good for 15 years. At this time, several in the town have to be renewed. Sheehan requested that Craig send Chuck a list of existing agreements with the Town and when they expire.

In a discussion about ATV/UTV trails, Craig explained that trails in the town have been approved but not finalized because development work needs to be done. They are looking for funding which has to go through the county.

After the meeting with Craig and Joe, the committee discussed steps needed to move ahead.

Chuck identified possible walking path sites: Alva Lake, the Highland at corner of K and M, Aurora- Frank Lake, Plum and Star Lake and along Plum Creek.

After further discussion regarding the building/ remodeling of the community center, Sheehan made a motion to ask the Town Board to seek a waiver of electric inspection, send out for Bids on remaining doors and move forward with creation of two outside lavatories connected to existing water and waste removal systems already in place. The inspection should be completed by Aug. 18, with immediate demolition of garage and creation of lavatories.

Seconded by Shane. Four for the motion, one against. Motion pending as we had to move out for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM. Next meeting August 1 at 9AM.

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM. Present were: Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger and Shane Zaruba .

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Sheehan made a motion to rescind the motion made at the July 18th meeting. The motion being; to ask the Town Board to seek a waiver of electric inspection, send out for Bids on remaining doors and move forward with creation of two outside lavatories connected to existing water and waste removal systems already in place. The inspection should be completed by Aug. 18, with immediate demolition of garage and creation of lavatories.

2nd by Shane. All approved. Motion was rescinded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

Planning committee meeting August 1, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by chairperson, Chuck Rasmussen. Present were Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, Shane Zaruba and citizen 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.

Minutes from June 13th were reviewed. Debbie made a motion to approve. 2nd by Shane.

Minutes from June 27th were reviewed. Debbie made a motion to approve. 2nd by Shane.

Minutes from July 18th were reviewed. Debbie made a motion to approve. 2nd by Shane.

Survey results: Shane provided an update on the survey as of July 31, 2022. Walking paths and bike paths are still a priority. A new community center received 51% - 61% positive votes. Additional comments included disc golf, concerns about the boat landing, maintaining our pristine and natural environment, motorized vehicles a threat on trails. Deb made a motion move forward with the planning document using the July 31st survey results. 2nd by Kevin

Recreational Plan: Chuck provided copies of the town's 1997 outdoor recreational outdoor plan. Committee members are asked to read it over and list changes or questions so that we can move ahead and develop a recreational plan for 2023-2028. Chuck noted that in the future we may look at the Transportation Alternatives Program (TP) that provides funds for trails or bike paths.

Members were reminded to check the St. Germain long range plan what was prepared by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. (NCWRPC). Vilas County is a member so we are eligible to use their services. First option: They will collect data, write plan, provide maps for \$7000-\$8000. There would be in person meetings. For an additional \$2000, using public input, they would develop a plan for the 38-acre Alexander plot. In the 2nd option they would only provide direction and links to data sites. Another issue we need to investigate is to continue investigating town properties and current land use agreements. A request for plan funding needs to be part of our 2023 budget request.

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Meetings: Chuck recommended that we meet twice a month so that we can be prepare our budget request to present to the town. All agreed to meet every 2 weeks beginning August 15th.

18-29 - 9-12 - 9-26 - 10-3 back to monthly
Further discussion noted that some existing trails such as the Trampers Trail and Old Mill Site \in Star Lake are managed by the Star Lakers Club, and LAMBO (Lakeland Area Mountain Bike Organization) is working on the Musky Mountain bike trails. It was suggested that we look for input from area bike clubs and the Save Our Rustic Road committee for help and support in the future.

Next meeting August 15th. Deb made a motion to adjourn 2nd by Sheehan. Adjourned at 11:10

DNR LAND USE AGREEMENTS WITH THE TOWN OF PLUM LAKE

LOCATION	TERM	DATES	COST
BICYCLE TRAIL (BRIDGE OVER PLUM CREEK)	15 YRS	7/1/2005-6/30/2020 *	\$1.00
YARD WASTE COMPOSTING FACILITY/WOOD BURNING FACILITY	15 YRS	9/1/2012-8/31/2027	\$1.00
DRY HYDRANTS: (1)LITTLE STAR CREEK (2)RAZORBACK LAKE BOAT LANDING (3)AURORA CREEK ON RAZORBACK ROAD (4)PLUM CREEK ON COUNTY ROAD N (NO COPY IN FILE)	15 YRS	8/26/2000-8/25/2015	\$1.00
STATEHOUSE POINT - PLUM LAKE BOAT LANDING -SKI SITE	15 YRS	6/14/2006-6/13/2021 *	\$1.00
STAR LAKE PAVILION/PICNIC AREA	15 YRS	4/1/2006-3/31/2021 *	\$1.00
TRAMPERS TRAIL - STAR LAKE (NO COPY IN FILE)		Star Lovers Club	
FRANK LAKE REARING POND Rescinding agreement (NO COPY IN FILE)			
I-Lids Cameras - Plum Lk (Statehouse Pt), Ballard Lk + Star Lake Aurora Lake, Razorback Lake	3 years	7/10/2018-7/10/2021 * + new cameras	n/a

(may be renewed for 5yr periods)

2/17/2022

Per discussion with Craig Dalton on 2/17/2022, they no longer have someone who does these agreements. He will send an email extending our current agreements until they can be re-done

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee August 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM by Chuck Rasmussen, chairperson. Present were Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, and 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 of the August 1st meeting were reviewed. Debbie asked to include the upcoming meeting dates to read "All agreed to meet every 2 weeks beginning August 15, August 29th, September 12th, September 26th and back to monthly meeting beginning October 3rd. Deb made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. 2nd by Sheehan. Motion passed.

Shane began discussion on the purpose of the long range planning committee to develop, review and redesign the town's long term plan. He suggested that we move forward by separating issues into those that the committee can handle and those that outside help is needed for.

After discussion, we agreed that we have made progress since our first meeting.

Shane noted that from the survey since 242 out of 276 responded in favor of the town promoting and encouraging public recreational events, year-round public restrooms are a priority. Events require services. Sheehan suggested that we recommend to the town board that the most important thing is a plan and development of year-round ADA rest room facilities.

Chuck met with NCWRCP (North Central Wisconsin Regional Community Planning). They will work with us to create a long-range plan. It would require 2 in person meetings with the committee and a meeting with the town board and citizens. The asking fee is \$8000 for the LRP (long range plan) and \$2000 for land use project.

Concern was expressed regarding input from seasonal residents. Kevin offered a ZOOM option and Chuck said that we may not get to that point until the summer of 2023.

Sheehan suggested that at the next town board meeting we request \$10000 from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to contract with NCWRCP. Debbie also suggested that we ask to have the planning committee listed as a line item with discussion and action on monthly town board meetings. It was agreed that at the next town board meeting we would provide the board with the vision statement and the results of the survey.

Deb provided a basic guide for moving ahead with the planning committee, beginning with asking the town to approve \$10000 for NCWRPC to develop the long-range plan that should be reviewed every 10 years, and to revise the 1997 recreation plan based on the survey results.

With a 31% response rate to our survey, priorities include improving and creating new bike paths and walking paths, the Community Center and improving sports event venues. Sheehan

said based on survey results we recommend that the town board has a responsibility to develop a plan to maintain and provide year- round ADA restroom facilities.

Ida provided a communication from the Rustic Road Committee regarding a bike trail that would connect Sayner to Boulder Junction through Star Lake, but off of County Highway K. She suggested using Razorback Road to Stillwaters, plus snowmobile trails and railroad grades through the woods to connect to Boulder Junction on the north side. They are envisioning a dirt gravel trail not paved.

DNR/ Town Land Use Agreements: Chuck provided a list of the current DNR land use agreements with the Town of Plum Lake. They are a 15-year term limit and are all expired except for the Yard Waste Composting facility which is good until 2027. (Attached)

At this time there is no one in the DNR office to do these agreements so they have been extended until the DNR has the appropriate staff. Chuck noted that any proposal not on the list will require a land use agreement This could be 2023 -2024 before it is looked at.

Town Recreational Plan: Shane offered a quick a review of the Outdoor Recreation Needs Assessment on page 9 of the 1997 Town Recreational Plan.

All items under the Razorback Ridges Trail System have been done.

Expanded Bike Trail System need to be included in the plan.

Recreation Park is a work in progress with Sayner Star Lake Lions.

There is no longer a shooting Range or fish rearing ponds.

The Plum Lake Public Pier and Boat Landing are current issues.

Plum Lake Statehouse Point Boat Access and Waterski Park is a DNR issue.

The Star Lake Picnic area completed their projects.

Chuck noted that all areas will need to be reviewed and updated.

Chuck will request that the Planning committee is put on the agenda for the next town meeting to update the town on our progress and to request funds for NCWRPC as well as an additional \$500 for updating the towns Recreation Plan.

Deb made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Shane. Adjourned at 11:50AM

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee Meeting: September 12, 2022

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

Chuck called the meeting to order at 9:05. Meeting was duly called with notice posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Post Office in Sayner, 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.

Town Comprehensive Plan: Planning with the NCWRPC (North Central Regional Planning Commission) is on hold pending verification of the use of ARPA (Covid Relief) funds. Clerk Bob Klager provided the ARPA document detailing the components of the grant funds. Chuck took the document to review.

Budget Requests: The committee discussed possible funding needs. Besides the \$8000 funds for NCWRPC comprehensive plan funding and \$2000 for the 38-acre Froelich Drive plot, other needs could possibly include another survey, mailings, maps and more. As discussed in previous meetings, we will request \$10500 from the town.

Town Recreation Plan: The committee reviewed the 5 year outdoor recreation plan. Members were assigned portions of the plan to research and find contact people who would offer information on current use and possible updates and visions for change.

Debbie Seeger will contact Nancy Atwater for information about the Star Lakers Club and their involvement and management of the Old Millhouse Centennial Park and the Trampers Trails.

Who provides upkeep and are the restrooms ADA compliant? Sheehan will contact Cheryl Carper about the State House Point site and plans for future improvements and ADA compliance.

Ida will contact Lynn Carlson, town employee, for information about needs and improvements to the community recreation park, ball field and playground area, and ADA compliant restrooms.

Questions arose regarding whether Warner's Pier on Highway N

west is town property and where it fits into the recreation plan. Shane noted that besides the ADA approved rest room facilities, all recommendations should include security cameras. Chuck provided maps of town natural areas and possible walking paths areas that we are considering in the 5 year plan: Plum Creek trail, Lake Alva, Salisch Lake, the north side of Plum Lake from Aurora Creek and Frank Lake. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM. Next meeting September 20 at 9AM.

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee September 20,2022

Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM by Chuck Rasmussen, chairperson. Present were Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Chuck Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, and guest Lynn Carlson.

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.

Chuck received the contract form NCWRP (North Central Wisconsin Planning Commission. The \$10,000 fee includes \$7500 for the Town comprehensive plan and \$2500 for the development of a land use plan for the Alexander property. The contract requires 4 equal billings. There will be two in person meetings including town board and staff. The Alexander land use plan would require 1 in person meeting.

The budget for the recreation plan was discussed. A written request needs to be presented to the town board. Expenses discussed included administrative costs, support documents such as maps, postage and printing supplies. Chuck will work on the budget for review at our next meeting.

Sheehan reported that she is still trying to find a record of the easement for the public pier that was originally owned by Jim and Jan Froelich. She has contacted Hartzheim in Minocqua to get a cost comparison between pit toilets and flush toilets. Estimates for pit toilets are \$100.00 and \$150,000 for flush toilets.

Recreation Plan: Lynn Carlson, building and grounds employee was available to answer questions about recreational areas in town and offered suggestions for improvement to the pickle ball court in the community building, the public pier, Warner pier and Statehouse point. Debbie Seeger contacted her son who relayed issues of concern in the ballpark; dugout roof replacement, bleacher repair, backstop and infield repairs, outfield fence repair. Suggestions for upkeep of recreational areas included hiring workers from McNaughton Correctional Institute or offering a stipend of \$250 to an organization to sponsor and maintain a sight. These suggestions will be submitted as supplemental suggestions to the Town Board.

Debbie Seeger suggested that we work to get the Recreation Plan published this calendar year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.