

Planning Committee Minutes

October 10, 2022

Called to order by Chairperson Chuck Rasmussen at 9:05am.

Present: Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Shane Zaruba, Debbie Seeger, Ida Nemec

Guests: Joyce Helz, Helen Bryner

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

Minutes from September 12th were reviewed. Debbie made a motion to approve, 2nd by Shane. September 20th minutes were reviewed. Corrections to be made were in regard to the 4 equal billings to NCWRP should state payments in October, January, March and June and the pit toilets from Hartzheim in Minocqua should read \$100,000-\$150,000 not \$100.00. The last paragraph should read: Nick Seeger, with the Sayner-St. Germain Youth baseball relayed issues of concern in the Plum Lake Ball Park. Deb made a motion to approve minutes with corrections, 2nd by Shane.

Budget Request: The budget request was reviewed line by line for presentation to the town board at the budget hearing on Thursday, September 22nd. \$10,000 is needed for the Comprehensive Plan done by North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning (NCWRP). This includes \$7500 for the plan and \$2500 for the Alexander land use plan. An additional \$3700 would be needed for public meetings, handouts, and other unexpected costs (See attached). The NCWRP requires at least 2 in-person meetings with the staff and town and possible public hearings. The land use plan will require one in-person meeting. A fifth and final meeting could be a digital/Zoom meeting.

Land Use Plan: In regards to the Alexander property, Shane said "Let's not be real anxious to develop this property." Deb suggested individuals could be appointed to see what options are offered. Kevin said "We need to be thinking into the future and consider the potential this land offers for years ahead." Nothing should be done until we have done our home work and looked at potential uses.

Chuck requested after the completion of the Comprehensive Plan; we should look at St. Germain Housing Authority's plan.

Chuck noted that Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding is possible source of funding to help develop the plans to connect the bike trails from Sayner to Star Lake it is an 80/20 program This grant is for planning. Information should be available soon.

Regarding the denial on the Razorback Road project, only 2% of the applications were approved.

Town Recreation Plan: Sheehan contacted Cheryl Carper of the Plum Ski-ers. The main concern is the use and upkeep of the pit toilets. The Plum Ski-ers are on the list of current land use plans with the DNR. It is noted that all land use plans are in place until the DNR completes their new plan.

Deb questions the lack of power in the Sayner School Park. Ida will contact the Sayner-Star Lake Lions to see if they have included power in their plans to upgrade the park.

The County Recreation Plan has asked for information about local recreation plans. After discussion, Shane made a motion to send a copy of our recreation plan to be included in the county plan, 2nd by Kevin.

Helen Bryner, guest, asked if the town had a portable generator available for use at the Hometown Holiday Celebration that Sayner-Star Lake Chamber will be hosting for the community on December 3rd in the town park. Kevin indicated the Fire Department maybe able to assist.

Shane made a motion to adjourn at 11:08AM, 2nd by Sheehan

Next meeting: November 14th at 10am.

Planning Committee November 14th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:03. Present: Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Debbie Seeger, Sheehan Donoghue, Ida Nemec, Guests: Dan Zellner, Emilie Braunel

Meeting was duly posted at the US Post Office in Sayner,

Minutes for October 10th were reviewed. Keen Rasmussen should read Kevin Rasmussen and Sheehan talked to Cheryl Carper not Mary Bohm as listed in the 8th paragraph.

Debbie made a motion to accept minutes as corrected. 2nd by Kevin

own Comprehensive Plan: The process is moving forward. NCWRP (North Central Regional Planning Committee) has received a copy of the document and are in the process of searching for the data they need. A meeting could be possible in early December depending on dates the town board could be available.

Town Recreation Plan: Dan Zellner who is working with the Sayner Star Lake Lions presented plans for the updates and improvements to the Sayner Memorial School Park. The goal is to upgrade the equipment and provide a safer environment. Some of the older equipment will remain and some could be refurbished following insurance industry standards. Dan would be willing to refurbish merry-go-round if he could get help moving it to his garage. Chuck considered the possibility of presenting it as a historical piece. Pictures of the school are needed to be included in a plaque. Another project would be an entryway off Highway 155 that would make it handicapped accessible. Dan also expressed concern regarding access from the bike trail to the park. Several options were discussed. Dan said that he has applied for grants that could help fund the project. Chuck noted that the TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) funding is available for planning for bike and walking paths.

Town Recreation Plan. The plan is ready to be made available for public comments. It will be posted online on the Town of Plum Lake website and hard copies will be available for review at the town hall. Comments will be directed to the planning committee email:

townofplumplanning@gmail.com. A cover sheet will provide an explanation. The introduction with the mission statement and the town of Plum Lake Recreation Plan will be posted.

Residents are asked to provide comments through December. The committee will review the comments posted on the gmail account. A public hearing will be set for January 9th 2023.

Information will be posted on town sign by EMS building, in the Lakeland Times and the Vilas County News Review and on town website.

Budget request: A budget request of \$17500 has be submitted to the town board.

Sheehan made a motion to adjourn at 11:10. 2nd by Kevin.

Next meeting December 12th

Planning Committee Meeting December 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM. Present: Chuck Rasmussen, Sheehan Donoghue, Deb Seeger, Ida Nemec, Kevin Rasmussen, Shane Zaruba. Guest: Dan Zellner

Minutes from November were reviewed. Kevin made a motion to approve. 2nd by Deb Seeger. Approved.

Town Comprehensive Plan: Dennis Lawrence from the NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee) has contacted Chuck. They have gathered maps and data from state and federal sites and are ready to meet with the committee and the town board. Meeting dates discussed were January 12th or January 23rd at 10 AM. Chuck will check with Dennis at NCWRPC and report back. Sheehan suggested we have a tape recorder available for the meeting. Kevin will check to see if the town's equipment is available.

Recreation Plan: The completed recreation plan is an 18 page document that addresses indoor and outdoor recreational facilities in Sayner Star Lake area. Public comment is needed. Ways to encourage citizen comment were discussed. Deb will contact Emile at the library to have the information posted on the town's digital sign. Ida will send in a news clip to the Lakeland Times. Citizens are asked to review the plan on the Town of Plum Lake website; plumlakewi.gov and submit comments to townofplumplanning@gmail.com by December 23rd. The planning committee will hold an open meeting on January 9, 2023 at 10AM in the Town Hall to review written comments and receive oral comments. At the regular February committee meeting, comments presented at the open meeting will be reviewed and plans will be made to present the plan to the town board for final approval. Shane noted that we need to clarify the town's responsibility for proposed trails and determine which trails are subject to approval by other organizations, such as the DNR.

For the January 9th open comment meeting, there will be limited hard copies of the plan available and Kevin will set up a laptop to digitally project the document on the wall for all to see.

2023 Budget: \$17500 was approved for planning committee use in 2023. This includes \$4500 for trails which includes a stipend for sponsors for Star Lake Lions and the Star Lakers Club and \$4000 for using inmates from McNaughton for clean up where needed, \$7500 to TAP to hire a consultant to plan a bike trail from Sayner to Star Lake and remainder for any other expenses incurred by the committee for administrative costs.

TAP application must be in by March 24th, Chuck would like to request \$80,000. It is an 80/ 20 grant so the town would be responsible for \$20,000. Chuck hopes to submit the application by the end of February. The initial grant is a planning grant. If we get that grant, we would need to apply for another 80/20 grant for actual construction of the bike trail.

Shane noted that since the bike trail was a high priority on the survey, we should do what we can to make this happen.

Shane made a motion to get on the town board agenda to update the town board on planning committee activities. 2nd by Kevin. Approved.

Deb made a motion to adjourn . 2nd by Kevin. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM