

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee April 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 9:08 by chairperson, Chuck Rasmussen. Present: Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Deb Seeger. Shane Zaruba, Ida Nemec. Sheehan Donoghue participated by Zoom.

Guests: Kim Lechner and Jackey Postuchow

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.

Citizen comments: Shane remarked on the damage done to utility stations by snow plows this winter and recommended tall markers to be set by the ditches. Kevin explained that markers have been put out the weight and depth of this year's snow pulled them down.

Minutes: Minutes from April 10th were reviewed. Deb made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Sheehan. Approved.

Comprehensive Plans: Due to the weather, Sam Wessel, from NCWRPC was not able to attend. Chuck reported that due to a comment from Don Novak, he added a line about the Rustic Road in Chapter Five: Transportation. He also noted that Sam has previously suggested policies be added to the Goals and documents section, but after talking to his supervisor, Sam said that we can get by with a broad reference to policies at the end of each chapter or at the beginning of the document.

Bob Klager gave Chuck a letter from the DOA (Department of Administration) that the Town's Comp Plan was out of date and needed a response by April 21st. Kim Lechner, town clerk, will respond and explain that we are in the process of updating the town's comprehensive plan along with NCWRPC.

Schedule: Chuck questioned whether there were any questions regarding the planning committee schedule April 23 – April 2024 as presented. A 30-day notice is required to set a public hearing. In May a request would be made to the Town Board to schedule a public hearing/ meeting on the draft Town Recreation Plan for a June public meeting. In June the committee would request that the Town schedule a public meeting/hearing on the draft of the Town Comprehensive Plan in July. In July the committee would request that the Town Board adopt the Town Recreation Plan, In August the committee requests that the Town Board adopt the Town of Plum Lake Comprehensive plan. In July we would initiate options for a Land Use Plan for the Alexander property and other town properties. In July we anticipate notification of TAP grant for bike trail planning. If approved we would look for a users group to begin bike path studies.

Everyone agreed that the Comp plan should be completed before we look at the Alexander property.

On May 15th the committee will meet with the Wisconsin DNR to discuss renewing the town's land use agreements. Affected citizens / organizations will be asked to attend for their input prior to finalizing new agreements. If available, Chuck will request a floor plan for public restroom from the DNR.

Kim Lechner questioned the status of the Town's ATV/UTV policy in anticipation of the Annual Elector's Meeting. Kevin explained that the town has given the green light for two options for entering the Town proper. It is in the hands of the DNR. An ordinance was written that could go into effect once it is

approved by the DNR. Shane noted that when and if the trail opens up signage is critical. Kevin explained that the Barnstormers are responsible for signage.

Kim Lechner asked why the committee was pursuing McNaughton for Trampler's Trail clean up. Her suggestion was to turn it back to the DNR rather than spend Town money on clean up. Several options for clean up were discussed, but it was decided to go ahead and find out what options McNaughton has available.

Sheehan asked where we are in regard to public restrooms. Chuck said that the Town Board had approved Kevin's research and projected costs for the community building restrooms until a permanent solution was found.

Chuck presented a summary of the committee report to be submitted at the annual Elector's meeting. Deb suggested that for interesting committee members, we note that committee meetings are held during the day. Chuck will deliver the report via Zoom.

The meeting with Sam Wessel was rescheduled for April 24th at 9AM. Next meeting dates are May 1st and the meeting on May 15th will be with DNR representatives.

Shane made a motion to adjourn. Second by Deb. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM.