

Planning Committee Minutes April 24th 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Chairperson Chuck Rasmussen. Present: Chuck Rasmussen, Kevin Rasmussen, Deb Seeger, Ida Nemec, Sheehan Donoghue, Shane Zaruba. Guests: Joyce Helz, Don Novak, Julie Lemma, Steve Lemma. Jacky Postuchow, Kim Lechner

Meeting was duly posted at the Posts Office in Sayner and the Plum Lake Town Hall with additional notice on the town website(www.townofplumlake.com) WRJO/ WERL radio, the Vilas County News Review, and the Lakeland Times.

Citizen comments; Julie Lemma asked whether a horse-shoe pit would be included in the town's recreation plan? She thought it could be set in the area to the south of the new Lion's pavilion. Kevin explained that a draft of the Recreation plan needs to be reviewed and the horse- shoe pits could be considered.

Don Novak noted that Chuck did a good job including comments on the Rustic Road in Chapter Five. Chuck referred to State Statutes in the statement to cooperate with county and state on rustic roads in the town. He recognizes the value of the Rustic Road but realizes the need to maintain a neutral stand.

Upcoming committee meetings: At the next planning committee meeting on May 1st, we will review and approve the Recreation plan so that we can request a date for the Town to set a Public Hearing. We will also review the expired LUA (Land Use Agreements) with the DNR, in preparation for the May 15th meeting with Beth Fiend of the DNR. The committee should look over the agreements and pick out concerns and issues that need to be discussed. Deb Seeger questioned whether all sites should have the same amount of insurance. Regarding vandalism the agreements state that any buildings or fixtures are the responsibility of the town, but locks are not allowed. Chuck wondered if a LUA is needed for crossing state land to reach Warner's Pier. Shane emphasized the need for reviewing the LUAs so that we will be ready with good questions to make efficient use of the DNR's time. Shane also suggested the need to include an automatic renewal clause in each agreement to avoid outdated agreements in the future. These concerns will be brought up at the May 15th meeting with the DNR.

Chuck introduced Sam Wessel from NCWRPC (North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission). Sam reviewed Chapters 1-5 of the Comprehensive Plan. He made changes that the committee had submitted and updated statistics where necessary. Chapters 6-9 were reviewed page by page. Sam noted changes committee members submitted. He will take all comments into consideration and send back an edited copy for review. Suggestions by committee included a glossary of acronyms used in the document and chapter titles listed on the bottom of each page. Committee members will provide Sam with a list of acronyms that are used in the document. There was discussion about current water issues including PFAS and Nitrates. A blanket statement in Chapter two, page 16 will note that these issues will be watched. Chuck and Shane are working on an introduction to the document. Sam provided land use maps of existing land use and future land use for the committee to review and highlight anything that needs to be changed. Once the committee has reviewed the maps, Chuck will drop them off at the NCWRPC office.

The next meeting will be on May 1st at 9AM to complete the Town's recreation plan and review the land- use maps. On May 15th Beth Fiend from the DNR will be available to discuss expired LUA (Land Use Agreements). Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Shane. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM