

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee    October 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 1:04 Pm by chair Chuck Rasmussen. Present: Don Novak, Chuck Rasmussen, Ida Nemec, Shane Zaruba, Deb Seeger, Sheehan Donoghue.

Meeting was duly posted at the town hall in Sayner, United States Post Office in Sayner, WERL/WRJO radio station, and the town of Plum Lake website.

Guests: Jackey Postuchow, town chairperson, Joyce Helz, John (Hank) Maines, Laurie Zaruba

Citizen comments: Joyce Helz spoke regarding the TAP grant and crosswalks at the corner of Highway 155 and Highway N. She had spoken to Troy Schalinski , Vilas County highway commissioner, three years ago and he said there would be no problem getting crosswalks. She said it is a safety concern and the town needs to do something to change driver patterns.

Minutes from September 18<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Deb made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Don seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Alexander Property: Chuck reported that Swiderski Building presentation has been cancelled at the request of the Town Board. Town chairperson Jackey Postuchow said that the town is looking at ideas for use of the Alexander property. The board has very different ideas as to what they would like done with those 38 acres. Questions regarding lot sizes, tax benefits, potential business opportunities, or space for a new recreation building have been brought up.

Shane suggested putting paths in so that people can get a feel of the property and determine how it could be used.

Deb asked Jackey if she was looking for a laundry list. Jackey said the town board would like the committee to present a list of ideas for the property to the board and they will decide what the committee should pursue. She likes the idea of paths. Other organizations, such as the Lakes Association and volunteers could be involved in clearing paths

Chuck noted that to be eligible for housing grants, detailed housing plans must be provided. For the remaining \$2500 in our 2023 budget, NCWRPC (North Central

Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) would be happy to do a building cost projection.

TAP grant: Chuck reported that the town has canceled the TAP (Transportation Alternative Program) grant which was to provide plans for bike trails connecting Sayner and Star Lake and crosswalks at the park area.

Chuck handed in his resignation as chair of the Planning Committee and asked if someone would step up as chair or should the committee be dissolved.

After lengthy discussion regarding the role of the planning committee, Don Novak asked what the planning committee should be doing to move forward.

Jackey wants to move forward to make the town economically sound. She is going to ask the town supervisors to list three items they would like the planning committee to work on. She asked Chuck to reconsider his resignation and complimented him on the job he has done as chair of the planning committee and that he is an amazing asset to the community.

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Shane. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM. Next meeting scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

Note: Committee has suspended holding further meetings. Waiting for guidance from town board on our future roles.