

Town of Plum Lake Planning Committee July 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:40AM by Chuck Rasmussen. Present: Deb Seeger, Ida Nemec, Sheehan Donoghue, Don Novak, Shane Zaruba. Guest : Joyce Helz. Meeting was duly posted at the Town Hall in Sayner, the US Post Office in Sayner, WERL, WRJO Radio in Eagle, Vilas County News Review and the Town of Plum Lake website.

Minutes from July 10th were reviewed. Shane made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Deb Seeger. Motion passed.

Preparation for August 4th Public Hearing: Chuck will open the hearing with an introduction of what the Comprehensive Plan is and state statute requirements that guided the creation of the plan. The committee will be responsible for the question-and-answer session to follow. Answers should be brief. It was decided to set a three-minute limit for questions. Deb will provide a timer and a one-minute warning card. The Town Board will then chair the public hearing which is for comment only. The Hearing will be recorded by at least two recorders.

Deb will contact Emilie to have the hearing posted on the town's digital sign.

Outreach: Don sent links and email messages to his neighbors on Razorback Road reminding them of the Comp Plan hearing. Sheehan has encouraged members of the Plum Lake Cottagers to attend the hearing. Chuck will attend the Ballard, Irving, White Birch association meeting on Saturday. Ida has contacted Sharon Brooker to post it in the Lakeland Times local news column.

Alexander Property Action Plan: Chuck has scheduled a meeting with Vilas County Zoning on August 18th at 1PM to provide possible land use suggestions for this property. Don suggested contacting the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) for suggestions regarding housing needs and funding availability. Sheehan will contact WHEDA (Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority) for guidance and funding availability from the state. Deb suggested that the people who are developing the 100 acres of the Plum Lake/Conover Forest land could offer helpful suggestions.

The possibility of a charging station for electric cars was suggested for future consideration. Deb agreed to research EV charging stations.

7. Action Plan for WISDOT approved TAP grant: Town clerk Kim Lechner was appointed as Local Project Manager to the Town Board. Next steps would be to hire a consultant. Chuck would like to see workshops provided to allow the public to share their ideas and concerns regarding the trail route.

8. Town Board Expectations

After discussion, Deb made a motion to request a meeting with the Town Board so that they can tell what their future expectations are for the planning Committee regarding the Alexander Property, the Bike Trails (TAP), public restrooms, Comprehensive Plan closure and preliminary budget. Don amended the motion to include the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) on page 84 of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion was seconded by Shane with amendments. Motion passed

The Transaction Detail Report showing committee expenses from January 1 through July 21st was reviewed. Of the approved \$17500 budgeted \$8034.91 was spent. \$7500 was for NCWRPC for comp plan and \$530.91 was for copies and other administrative funds, leaving a balance of \$5034.91. Chuck presented two additional bills of \$446.24 and \$19.80 for copies made for outreach presentation. Deb

made a motion to approve these bills. Second by Shane. Motion passed. Bills will be submitted to the town board for payment.

Deb made a motion to adjourn. Second by Shane. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM