

# Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

March 14, 2018

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth, Absent
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair, Absent	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on March 14, 2018 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Snyder to accept the minutes of January 10, 2018, second by Fuehrer, motion approved.

Several members of the Town Board and public were on hand as participants in a Strategic Planning meeting along with members of the Plan Commission. Rick Bakovka, President, REGI gave a brief introduction to Strategic Planning. He said the purpose of the planning meetings are to create a strategic plan from the bottom up (public input and discussion) rather than from the top down (public officials only). Bakovka also shared a copy of the Nekoosa survey results with the group. He pointed out the biggest complaint in the Nekoosa survey is the perceived lack of transparency in government. One of the goals of the strategic plan is to create an identity for the Town. However, planning should be regional and not just inward, which is accomplished by inviting participants to the planning meetings from the surrounding area including those who work here, commute here, live here, and from the school districts, and business owners outside the Town.

A discussion followed regarding a rough draft Town of Saratoga survey. Several changes were made, and these will be reviewed, as well as any additional comments or suggestions, at the next meeting. The next Strategic Plan meeting is scheduled for April 11, at 6:30, discussion items to include, finalize the survey, invite major business and stakeholders, prepare a SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, threats) analysis.

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Forbes said there have been no complaints regarding the use of the office container at 845 STH 73. He suggested allowing continued use from March 1 thru November 1 as originally agreed upon; no objections were raised.

Fuehrer discussed Act 67 and the impact on conditional use permits in the zoning ordinance. Act 67 effectively removes the ability of a municipality to grant conditional use. Rather than attempt to comply with restrictions imposed by Act 67 it may be necessary to remove all reference to conditional use from the zoning ordinance.

Fuehrer said she has been contracted by Janice Ticknor, 8031 STH 13 S., regarding a fence between her property and the Wood County Telephone Co., 1320 Ranger Rd. Apparently, Ticknor is not satisfied with the fence which she requested and WCTC provided. Fuehrer told

Ticknor that WCTC should not be expected to occur unreasonable costs for replacing the existing fence.

Forbes handed out a copy of an article from the Town's Association attorney on Act 134 and changes to metallic mining requirements. Saratoga has a nonmetallic mining section, (6.3.3), in the zoning ordinance, which may need amending regarding metallic mining.

Forbes said the owner of Ebbe's Lake Aire and Piatz have agreed on the location of the lot line between the house at 6520 STH 13 S and the business at 6510 STH 13 S. It was suggested the owners of both parcels draft and sign a letter of agreement regarding the lot line and any variance from the zoning or building ordinance.

Forbes said he has noticed marked bicycle trails, on city streets, in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. He will check with the City regarding requirements for marking trails on public roads.

There were no additional public comments or questions

The next meeting is April 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Snyder to adjourn second by Fuehrer, meeting adjourned 9:11PM