

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

October 10, 2018

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

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on October 10, 2018 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Forbes recognized Rick Bakovka, who gave a brief presentation on area projects REGI is involved in and commented on the Saratoga Strategic Plan. Bakovka encouraged the group to develop two lists, one of projects, and one of procedures when developing the strategic plan. He also said the impact of Sand Valley is international, as he received a phone call from Dunn, Scotland, regarding development similar to Sand Valley.

Motion by Wipperfurth to accept the minutes of August 8, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Strategic Plan

Forbes said most of the comments received in the recent survey were very similar to the original 2002 survey. The one take away from either survey is that most residents are opposed to change. Most comments regarding the CAFO were negative and also expressed an uncertainty about the future of the Town until the CAFO issue is settled.

Review and discussion of the SWOT analysis from April 2018. Forbes said the Town needs a legal opinion regarding whether the Town Zoning Ordinance applies to properties which were part of the original CAFO application and later sold.

ATV/UTV trails were also discussed. The Town ATV Ordinance restricts use to specific routes within the town. Some users, however, are using these vehicles as a general mode of transportation and operating on town roads that are not marked routes. Bakovka, in his remarks earlier, mentioned the possibility of an ATV/UTV trail from Black River Falls to Wisconsin Dells which would go thru Rome and Nekoosa. This issue needs further discussion as the popularity of these vehicles increases.

There was a discussion about commercial land development in the Town; the following issues were identified:

- Establish a group for the purpose of exploring alternative development on the property currently owned by Golden Sands LLC and Full Circle Farm, LLC.
- Explore the possibility of the Town purchasing "Clancy's"

Zoning Ordinance

Forbes commented on the recent statute change regarding conditional uses. He suggested amending the Zoning Ordinance and reclassifying current listed conditional uses as either permitted or non-permitted.

Grygo handed out copies of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment which would include descriptive information for each zoning district based on the Comprehensive Plan. A review of this information will be discussed at the November meeting.

Short-Term rental
Item tabled.

Information from commission members
None

There were no additional public comments or questions

The next meeting is November 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Snyder, meeting adjourned 8:57 PM