

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

October 13, 2016

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair,	Dave Barth,
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair,	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate
Public Present	
Lon Federwitz	
April Retzke	

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on October 13, 2016 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of the August 10, meeting, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Lon Federwitz requested zoning a parcel located at 836 Hwy 73 as commercial. The parcel was recently subdivided and the portion owned by Mr. Federwitz is approximately 600 feet deep. The frontage along Hwy 73 is currently zoned as Light Commercial with the district boundary extending 330 feet from the highway right-of-way and up to 412 feet for parcels with a depth greater than 330 feet. Mr. Federwitz was agreeable to the 412 feet Light Commercial district boundary. He said development may not start for another year; his tentative plan is to develop a self-storage facility.

April Retzke inquired about building a dwelling in the Rural Preservation District. Dwellings and all uses permitted in the Rural Residential District are permitted in the Rural Preservation District (Town of Saratoga Zoning Ordinance section 7.1.8).

Wipperfurth said he contacted the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Group about developing a windbreak ordinance for the Town. He was advised to contract Wood County regarding a possible ordinance. He also provided the following handouts from the University of Nebraska; "Windbreaks for Livestock Operations", "Windbreak Establishment," "Field Windbreaks," and "Living Snow Fences" from the USDA. Discussion followed.

Forbes cited sections of the Town of Rome Zoning Ordinance regarding non-domestic animals and driveways, as a possible guide for future revisions of the Town of Saratoga Zoning Ordinance. Discussion followed, additional information is needed for defining animal units, or animals per acre.

Forbes said he contacted the Towns Association and was told the 10-year review requirement for Comprehensive Plans ("Smart Growth") is still in effect. Once the review is completed, the approval process is the same as the original document.

Forbes said he received a phone call from Paul Kent saying the public hearing for the Golden Sands CAFO EIS is canceled, and no future hearing dates considered.

Fuehrer said she received an inquiry regarding a one-acre parcel on the corner of Church Ave and 54th Street, to build a 40' x 20' building for a non-profit motorcycle group. It was pointed out that non-profits are commercial enterprises and the proposed building and use may be considered as commercial. The person making the inquiry should request to be on the Plan Commission agenda and present, for review, the information required in the Town of Saratoga Zoning Ordinance section 12.3.3 (Zoning Permit Application).

Fuehrer also said the Town of Rome has contacted the Village of Port Edwards about extending sewer service to the Town. If this were to happen there may be the possibility of Saratoga tying into the service. A discussion followed.

The next Plan Commission meeting is November 9, 2016 at 6:30.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Wipperfurth, meeting adjourned 9:00 PM