

# Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

March 27, 2013

## *Plan Commission Members*

Dan Forbes, Chair	Excused	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair		Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary		Lorelei Fuehrer, Absent

## *Public Present*

None

Gordon Wipperfurth opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on March 27, 2013 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Copies of the Draft for March 27, 2013 Plan Commission Meeting, were distributed to each member of the Plan Commission. The draft ordinance was reviewed with discussions on the following:

1.6 Delayed Effective Date for Existing Signs. This section was added to allow time for bringing existing signs into compliance with the ordinance. It was agreed an extension may be allowed based on the following criteria; cost, age, condition, location, safety, contractual obligations (lease payments), and compliance with section 1.4 of the ordinance, these criteria will be added to this section.

2.2 Advertising Vehicle. The current definition makes the distinction between a vehicle used in the normal course of business and one used as a sign.

2.4 Area of Sign: Add reference to Appendix B-D, which are drawing showing how to determine the area of different sign configurations

2.22 Grade: Revised definition to define grade as being ‘the elevation or level measured at the natural grade at or below the sign.

2.24 Height of Sign. Add reference to Appendix A, which is a drawing defining how to measure the height and area of a sign.

3.7.1 Temporary signs shall not be displayed for more than fourteen (14) days prior to the event, and be removed within 48 hours after completion of the event.

Table 1 Exempt Signs – No Sign Permit Required. Add temporary signs

Table 2 Sign Permit Required. Remove reference to setback from highway right of way and property boundaries.

Wipperfurth asked if allowing a maximum sign are of 2 sq. ft. per lineal foot of lot frontage would be a disadvantage to a property owner with only 30 feet of frontage. A discussion followed;(a) sign size would be proportional to frontage (b) sign size based on lineal foot of lot frontage would be less likely to create a visual obstruction to a neighboring business (c) for 30 lineal feet of lot frontage, the maximum sign is 60 sq. ft or 60% of the maximum of 100 sq. ft. allowed for commercial on site use. It was agreed the 2 sq. ft. per lineal foot of lot frontage remain an on-site sign requirement for commercial and industrial sites

As an informational item Grygo handed out copies of “The Port Edwards Green Energy Employment District” report by Vandewalle & Associates. Recommendations in the report include property in the Town of Saratoga. A second informational handout was from the DNR regarding rare owls from Canada, wintering in Wisconsin.

The next meeting of the Plan Commission is scheduled for April 10 at 6:30 PM

Motion by Snyder to adjourn, second by Barth, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.