

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

June 12, 2013

Plan Commission Members

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

Public Present

Four

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on June 12, 2013 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved. (*Note: There were no agenda items for May*)

Craig Zolnik request for zoning designation change at 5009 Mill Ave.

Mr. Zolnik said the property is on the north side of Mill Ave and has three existing buildings on the property; he presented a hand drawn sketch of the property (note, the sketch did not show any roads, north, or dimensions either for the property or the buildings). He said he would use the existing buildings for his business and expects to have no more than 2-3 customer vehicles per week on site. Mr. Zolnik said his offer to purchase is contingent on zoning and selling his current residence in Nekoosa. Grygo said the site is within the Rural Residential District RR-1 and changing the zoning designation for this parcel would result in spot zoning. A discussion followed and the Plan Commission agreed to consider a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) following notification by mail of the adjacent land owners and a public hearing regarding the CUP. The public hearing is scheduled for July 10 at 6:30.

Dave Kester questions regarding zoning of his property on the south corner of Kester Road and Hwy 13.

Mr. Kester talked with Dan Forbes prior to the meeting and said he wants to advertise his property for sale as a hobby farm. (*Note: the realty ad for this property has the property listed as a hobby farm/commercial real estate*). Forbes told Kester the property is zoned as Suburban Residential SR-1 which does not allow hobby farms or commercial development. He recommended changing the zoning to commercial, which Mr. Kester may request prior to the sale of the property or the new owner may request. Mr. Kester was absent during the Plan Commission meeting.

There was a public comment regarding the recent state budget panel vote to limit challenges to large capacity wells. A discussion followed. There was also a comment regarding spraying liquid manure. Forbes said the Town Board passed an ordinance in December 2012 prohibiting spraying liquid manure (Ordinance 12-19-12C Ordinance Prohibiting Application of Liquid Animal Manures Using Center Pivot Irrigation Systems)

Bob Ayres, Young Street, said he cannot find the survey stakes for the front of his property and thinks they may have been graded out during reconstruction of Young Street. He also said the grass in the ditched on the east side of the road is not growing. Forbes said the Town is going to re-seed the ditches and he will contact Doug Passineau regarding the survey stakes.

Forbes gave a brief update on the Nathan Wolosek land use situation and said the attorneys are currently handling this.

Lorelei Fuehrer said building permit applications are down about 50% from 2012. She also said she was upset about the threats and derogatory comments and phone calls made by some town residents against her brother for his support of family farms

Gordy Wipperfurth gave a brief report on the Petenwell and Castle Rock Steward (PACRS) program PACRS are comprised of Adams and Juneau County land owners, business owners, elected officials, citizens and others interested in improving the water quality of Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages.

Forbes also mentioned there is a public hearing on June 26 in Port Edwards, regarding the boundary agreement on Nepco Lake north shore between the Village of Port Edwards and the Town of Saratoga

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.