

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

September 11, 2013

Plan Commission Members

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

Public Present

Nicholas Doescher
Rob Hess

PUBLIC HEARING

Dan Forbes opened a Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M. on September 11, 2013 in the Saratoga Town Hall for the consideration of a Conditional Use Permit requested by Nicholas Doescher; for construction of a pond at 7630 52nd St. south. The public hearing was officially noticed.

Rob Hess said he owns property to the west of the proposed pond site and supports building the pond. His only concern is a “dry creek bed” which he does not want filled in or any water diverted onto his property as a result of constructing the proposed pond.

Nicholas Doescher said the pond would be $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 acre in size and approximately 10’ deep. Sand from the pond may be stockpiled on site for approximately two years and then hauled off site.

Wipperfurth asked about permits, Doescher said he has permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and Wood County, a DNR permit is not required (*Note; the pond site is not in a wetland or within 500 feet of a navigable stream, therefore a DNR permit is not required*). Doescher said the Wood County permit is valid for 12 month and was issued in July of 2013. He also said Dale Ladick is concerned about road limits. Forbes said all Town Roads are Class B; he suggested Doescher contact Terry Rickaby regarding the road limits and possibly a special permit.

Grygo asked about other uses on the property, Doescher said he may have two cows and also cut hay from the existing hay fields.

Motion by Barth to adjourn the Public Hearing, second by Snyder, motion approved

The public hearing was adjourned at 6:45 by Forbes.

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:46 P.M. on July 10, 2013 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

No public attendance.

Wipperfurth requested the following addition to Item 28; Talked about having Wood County add a bicycle lane to CTH Z during reconstruction, to connect with the proposed bicycle lane on CTH Z in Adams County on the south and the Nekoosa, Port Edwards, and Wisconsin Rapids bicycle trails on the north.

Wipperfurth also requested adding “preparation time for the” regarding the difference between the moving fee and the sign fee.

Motion by Barth to approve the minutes of August 14 as amended, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

There was a discussion on the CUP request by Nicholas Doescher, no objections were raised. Motion by Snyder recommending approval by the Town Board of the CUP request by Nicholas Doescher, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Forbes presented a letter from attorney Paul Kent regarding the Nathan Wolosek property. There was a discussion regarding granting a nonconforming status to Wolosek. It was agreed the rotation of crops to Christmas trees is unique and applies only to the Wolosek property.

Motion by Barth to concur with the attorney opinion and recommend approval by the Town Board of Paul Kent’s letter and also return the \$300 check from Wolosek, second by Wipperfurth: Yes; Barth, Forbes, Grygo, Wipperfurth, Abstain; Snyder.

Forbes presented a revised Fee Schedule

Wipperfurth questioned the Temporary Occupancy Fee. Fuehrer said she may issue a Temporary Occupancy only if minor non-safety issues existed. Wipperfurth said people would not pay the fee and issuing the permit could lead to a liability problem for her and the Town and recommended removing it from the schedule. Fuehrer concurred.

Grygo handed out a CUP application for review. Wipperfurth suggested adding a “Title” under the “Approved By” line.

Forbes handed out a letter and sample ordinance from Paul Kent regarding frac sand mining. A discussion followed regarding frac sand mining in the Town. Frac sand generally exists in the Town along the Ten Mile Creek

Forbes said there has been some interest in wind power in the Town; however, the Town is not in an area conducive for wind power generation.

Grygo said he has heard from several people they are not aware the Town has a zoning ordinance. He suggested highway signs at the Town borders informing of zoning and the need for permits. Forbes said there is one sign on Highway 73 on the west edge of the Town. Wipperfurth suggested putting a notice regarding zoning and permits in the local Builders Association and Realtors Association newsletters. Fuehrer said she would draft a notice.

Fuehrer said Wood County is requiring a mitigation report for erosion control on residential development. Wipperfurth said the state is in the process of changing the rules on erosion and impervious surfaces.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 9 a review of frac sand sample ordinance from Paul Kent and letter to businesses regarding the new sign ordinance will be on the agenda.

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

Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P.M.