Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, 2800 Ward Ave., La Crosse, WI 54601

Town Officials Present: Planning Commission Chairperson Marlin Helgeson, Commissioners Mike Kendhammer, Karen Kouba, Brian Benson, Renee Knutson, Al Schulz, Administrator Christina Peterson, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Public Works Foreman Terry Wright, Treasurer Sara Jarr, Tim Candahl.

Attendance List: Dave Bonifas Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC), Butch and Karen Miller.

1. Meeting called to order by Helgeson at 3:30 p.m.
2. Minutes: Kendhammer motion to approve minutes from 1/19/2021, second by Kouba. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No Citizens Concerns.
4. Comprehensive Plan Process Overview- Dave Bonifas (MRRPC). Dave gave brief overview of what MRRPC does/ mission. Overview of what the process of updating our Comprehensive plan and what it will look like. Information on what will be needed from the Town Board and Planning Commission, what decision making will they be tasked with and what information they would be responsible for providing. Discussion on how new mayor and boundary agreement outcome will affect the comprehensive plan. Kendhammer recommended meeting with surrounding municipalities so we have some uniformity in policies and procedures for development and land use.
5. Rezone of Parcel 11-95-0, Butch and Karen Miller. Christina gave overview of request and process of rezone and partial vacation of road. She recapped the discussion the Planning Commission had at their January 19, 2021 meeting where they concluded that mixed-use has been interpreted more broadly in Shelby. For example, instead of a mixed-use on one parcel, it could be a mixed-use of a group of parcels. For this reason, the Planning Commission determined rezone for Miller’s parcel to residential would be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Future Land-Use Plan. Motion by Karen to recommend to town board there is no objection to the rezoning of parcel 11-95-0 second by Knutson. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Commissioner Reports. Helgeson noted that currently Kouba is going to continue to serve as Vice-Chair/ Secretary. Looking for someone else to volunteer to fill one of those roles. Discussion on comprehensive plan, getting input from residents and potential subcommittees.
8. Adjourn: Kendhammer motion to adjourn, second by Kouba. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting will be held on March 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.