Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Time: 4:00 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, Renee Knutson, Al Schulz, Administrator Christina Peterson, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Town Board Chairman Tim Candahl.

Attendance List:

1. Meeting called to order by Helgeson at 4:00 p.m.
2. Minutes: Knutson motion to approve minutes from 2/23/2021, second by Kouba. Motion carried unanimously.
3. No Citizens Concerns.
5. Comprehensive Plan Update-Survey. Marlin discussed survey and what information they are trying to collect to get the best understanding of our resident’s thoughts/visions for/about the town. Joint meeting with Town Board suggested, tabled until the end of the meeting. Discussion on maps that could potentially be shared with the public, so they have a better idea of what area they reside in. Discussion on importance of communicating the tentative plan to residents to get their feedback and make sure they have an understanding. County Comprehensive Plan Meetings are open to the public and all communities could go listen, see if they have the opportunity for questions. Marlin gave overview of protection from annexation given when a Town has transitioned to a Village. Kendhammer/ Helgeson discussed land use and what development/growth is possible for Shelby. Knutson noted no funds are budgeted for marketing development. Helgeson called for additional thoughts on survey/questions. Christina explained what the expectation would be for joint meeting with Planning Commission and Town Board. Discussion on what should come first the Boundary Agreement or the Comprehensive Plan. Peterson explained that the meeting will be more geared towards making sure all Board Members and residents have the same vision for Shelby’s development and growth. Draft of survey will be reviewed at joint meeting, we can review the Comprehensive Plan Process and the Boundary Agreement tentative updates that are able to be shared publicly keeping in mind that the agreement is subject to change, and Sanitary District #2 would be able to share their intentions regarding water system expansion. Discussion on establishing a timeline to complete a draft of the comprehensive plan. Joint Meeting with Planning Commission, Town Board and Sanitary District #2 suggested. Peterson also suggested we should work closely with La Crosse County as they’re draft their Comprehensive Plan so that we are in line with them.
6. Administrator Report. Intern will be hired to assist with Comprehensive Plan and surveys.
7. Commissioner Reports. None.
8. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Knutson, second by Schulz. Meeting adjourned at 4:56p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting will be held on April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.