Planning Commission Minutes

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Location: All Star Lanes, 4735 Mormon Coulee Rd, La Crosse, WI 54601
Town Officials Present: Planning Commission Commissioners Mike Kendhammer, Elliott Bujan, Rebecca Flege, Marlene Heal, Brian Benson, Administrator Christina Peterson, Clerk Fortune Weaver, Intern Annie Thurs, Town Board Chairperson Tim Candahl.

Attendance List: Abbey Nicewander-Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission (MRRPC), Donna Bornheimer (W5528 State Road 33), Rodelino and Janet Virata (W5122 Boma Road), Steven Kreibich (W4873 Mill St), Jerry Miller (N1166 Continental Lane), Dave Beinborn (N1206 Continental Lane), Larry Quillin (N1267 Leske Road), and Clyde Benjamin (N1660 timber Lane).

1. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to order by Administrator Christina Peterson at 3:45 p.m.
2. Introductions of Staff and Board Members.
3. Approve 7/20/21 Minutes. Motion by Kendhammer, second by Benson. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Citizens’ Concerns. Peterson discussed the request for the zoning change for the property on County F (parcel 11-298-5). The zoning change fits the Future Land Use Plan, so Peterson advised it could go directly to Town Board. If time allows the planning commission will review further at the next meeting, if not it will go directly to the Town Board.
5. Comprehensive Plan Update Discussion- Intergovernmental Cooperation. Peterson noted the process of what we’re updating, and what that entails. Nicewander asked for information on agreements with other towns/municipalities. Some details provided about the fire contract with Town of Greenfield, more details can be communicated later. Peterson noted she will make sure to check and give her additional information on other agreements that exist. Nicewander explained what the MRRPC does and what its purpose is. Some information on La Crosse Area Planning Commission (LAPC) also explained by Nicewander and Peterson. Other relationships/cooperation within the Town of Shelby noted. Peterson also noted verbal agreements for athletic fields. Candahl discussed sewer agreement and boundary agreement and what progress and setbacks are occurring. Candahl discussed that the for the duration of the recent flood emergency that occurred, the focus will be on the sewer agreement with the City of La Crosse, as it directly relates to some of the issues in Shelby. Tentative date of agreement being finished discussed by Candahl and Peterson, but because of all the contributing factors there is no official or clear deadline for the boundary agreement or sewer agreement to be finalized. Dave Beinborn asked if a sewer extension would result in him paying for the frontage even if he isn’t using it. Candahl and Peterson noted the process for assessment and options that are typically offered. Because there are no finalized plans at this time, that questions cannot be properly answered. Larry Quillin complimented the Board’s and Town’s work and critiqued the communication between the Town and the Community of Shelby. Kendhammer asked about other options if negotiations with La Crosse were not progressing. Peterson noted there may be other options, if necessary, but working cooperatively is
recommended at this time. Peterson discussed next meeting’s topic for future land use. La Crosse County is revising their comprehensive plan as well. Previously the County would let the Town decide their future land use plan and incorporate that to their plan. Currently, they are focused on their farmland preservations/protected agricultural land, so the Town Future Land Use Plan will need to be coordinated with the County’s. Question asked regarding the federal government making sure the boundary agreement is fair. Peterson noted that the State steps in for approval of boundary agreement, federal government does not get involved. General goals of working with other government discussed. Nicewander read through draft and asked for discussion/changes. Additional information for draft will be compiled and relayed to Nicewander later.

6. Discussion on Planning Commission Officer Positions. Peterson noted that Rebecca Flege is now full member and no longer an alternate. Renee Knutson is transitioning out, Marlene Heal is transitioning in. Karen Kouba will remain secretary. Call for Chair/Vice-Chair appointment. No action taken.

7. Comprehensive Plan Update- Issues and Opportunities Wrap Up Discussion if necessary. None.

8. Administrator Report. Peterson noted that the survey from last meeting was the final. Plans to add more to the Comprehensive Plan tab on website for background information. More information will still be coming. Marlin Helgeson to receive invitation to receive recognition of service plaque for his service on Planning Commission. Nicewander will bring large map to the next meeting.

9. Commissioners. Kendhammer suggested 7:00 start time for next meeting at this same venue.

10. Adjournment. Motion by Heal, second by Kendhammer to adjourn at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Planning Commission meeting September 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.