

Town of West Point Plan Commission Minutes

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes s. 19.84, the Plan Commission of the Town of West Point held its semi-monthly meeting on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the West Point Town Hall, N2114 Rausch Road, Lodi, Wisconsin. The meeting agenda was posted in three places as required by law and on the Town's web site. Chairman Kevin Kessler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members present were: Kevin Kessler, Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Byron Olson, Fred Madison, Gordon Carncross (Town Board Representative), Wayne Houston and Nathan Sawyer (7:45 p.m.). Also present were Edith K. Eberle, Town Clerk, and Taffy Buchanan, Deputy Town Clerk. Excused absence was Fred Madison.

Agenda #2 – Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Byron Olson to approve the agenda with a change to combine agenda items 10 and 11, 2nd by Wayne Houston – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #3 Approve Minutes – Copies of the January 17th, 2013 Plan Commission minutes had been emailed to each member for their review. A motion was made by Byron Olson to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda # 4 Correspondence - None

Agenda #5 Citizen Input – Bill Roark asked if anyone had heard about a possibility of the rail bridge getting replaced.

Agenda #6 Gasser Bros. Inc. – Brian Gasser and Scott Ness inquired about Land Division of Gasser Bros. Inc. and the steps they would need to take. The hope is to separate out one house for Brian Gasser with 2 acres and Scott Ness would have the farm buildings, the other two houses on the farm and they will divide up the farmland. Kevin Kessler suggested Brian Gasser and Scott Ness make a sketch of their plan and talk with Randy Thompson, Columbia County Planning & Zoning along with their surveyor to find out how to proceed. They will have to do a Certified Survey Map and may have to rezone they proposed 2 acre parcel to rural residential. The Plan Commission members told Brian Gasser and Scott Ness there is only one land development right remaining. Also they will have to hire an

attorney to draft the deed restriction, shared well and a shared driveway agreement.

Agenda #7 Chapter 6 Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance – A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to postpone, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #8 Chapter 14 Non Metallic Mining Ordinance and Agenda #9 Fees for Non Metallic Mining Ordinance – Kevin Kessler, Attorney Jeff Clark, Tim Lanzendorf, and Tim Geoghegan will have a meeting on Friday, February 08, 2013 to discuss changes in the Non Metallic Mining Ordinance. A motion was made by Wayne Houston to postpone Agenda #8 and #9, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #10 Steven (Chris) Haynes Tourist Rooming House and Agenda #11 Tourist Rooming Housing Policies for the Town of West Point – Chris Haynes and David Mitchell were present. Chris Haynes read a letter from the Town of West Point written in February of 2010, in which the Town expressed concerns on how Columbia County would implement policies for Tourist Rooming Houses. Chris Haynes wrote a letter to the Plan Commission members with a few questions he wanted to ask. Each Plan Commission member gave their personal opinions regarding Chris Haynes' questions. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to authorize a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for a Tourist Rooming House for Steven (Chris) Haynes contingent on a notice by Columbia County Planning and Zoning, 2nd by Nathan Sawyer – motion carried unanimously. Byron Olson drafted a letter for the Plan Commission to review and possibly recommend to the Town Board for their consideration to send to Columbia County Planning and Zoning Department, regarding tourist rooming houses and a possible change in the Zoning Ordinance. A motion was made by Byron Olson to recommend the letter he drafted, with a friendly amendment, to the Town Board to sign and send to Columbia County Planning and Zoning, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #12 Wind Turbines – A motion was made by Wayne Houston to postpone, 2nd by Nathan Sawyer – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #13 Broadband Infrastructure update – The committee did not meet.
No update.

Agenda #14 Town Board Report – Gordon Carncross, Town Board Representative, reported on the January 10th, 2013 Town Board Meeting.

Agenda # 15 Next Meeting Agenda - February 21st, 2013 – Chapter 6 Land Division and subdivision Ordinance; Chapter 14 Non Metallic Mining Ordinance; Fees for Non Metallic Ordinance; Wind Turbines; Broadband Infrastructure; and any other business that may legally be brought before the Plan Commission.

Agenda # 16 Adjourn Meeting – A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to adjourn the February 7, 2013 Plan Commission meeting at 10:00 p.m., 2nd by Nathan Sawyer – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by
Taffy Buchanan
Deputy Town Clerk