

# Town of West Point Plan Commission Minutes June 19, 2014

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes s. 19.84 the Plan Commission of the Town of West Point held its semi-monthly meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014 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. The Plan Commission met on-site for an inspection of the Beerkircher property at 6:30 PM. No action was taken until the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00. Chairman Kevin Kessler called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Members present were Kevin Kessler, Gordon Carncross (Town Board Representative), Nathan Sawyer (7:25pm), Byron Olson, Ron Grasshoff, and Renee Nair. Also present was Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk. Absent was Fred Madison -excused.

Agenda #2 – Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Ron Grasshoff to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #3 Approve Minutes – Copies of the June 5, 2014 Plan Commission minutes had been emailed to each member for their review. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Grasshoff – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #4 Correspondence – There will be tours of the Prairie du Sac dam on September 12-14, 2014 for the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of the dam, you can buy tickets online.

Agenda #5 Citizen Input – None

Agenda #6 Alan & Paulette Beerkircher – Land Division remanded from Town Board – (The Plan Commission met on-site at 6:30 PM for an inspection of this property.) The Plan Commission discussed the reasons the Town Board remanded the Alan & Paulette Beerkircher Lot Line Adjustment / Land Division back to the Plan Commission: Were there 2 buildable lots or only one?; Is the owner willing to change the access easement to have a more direct access route?; and Is the Cole property being land-locked? During the discussion and site visit, Jim Grothman, who was representing the Beerkirchers, clarified with the Plan Commission that because of shore erosion over a long period of time, a recent survey has verified there is presently only 1 buildable residential lot rather than

two. Jim Grothman also let the Plan Commission know the owner would be willing to change the access easement. Sid Cook, W14105 Theresa Lane, stated the Cole property is not land-locked. Jim Grothman is going to bring back to the Plan Commission a CSM showing a revised access easement. The Town will talk to the Town's Attorney to find out if any park fees would apply to this land division and about deed covenants regarding the Theresa Lane and access easements. No other action was taken.

Agenda # 7 Discuss Tourist Rooming House Regulations – look at Town of Dekorra's Ordinance – The Plan Commission discussed having an ordinance to help regulate Tourist Rooming Houses. Plan Commission members were asked for individual opinions to see if they felt an ordinance on this subject was needed. The result was: Gordon Carncross-no, Byron Olson-yes, Ron Grasshoff-no, Renee Nair-no, Nathan Sawyer-yes, and Kevin Kessler-yes. A motion was made by Byron Olson to recommend to the Town Board to consult with the Town Attorney on the Town's authority in respect to an new ordinance applying to existing tourist rooming houses, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Grasshoff – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #8 Columbia County Ordinance 141-14, Agenda #9 Broadband Infrastructure Update, and Agenda #10 Town Board Report – A motion was made by Ron Grasshoff to postpone Agenda #8, #9, and #10, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #11 Next Meeting Agenda and Date – The next meeting will be July 3, 2014 and will include: Election of Officers and recommendation to Town Board about Columbia County Ordinance 141-14.

Agenda #12 Adjourn Meeting. A motion was made by Renee Nair to adjourn the June 19, 2014 Plan Commission meeting at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
*Taffy Buchanan,*  
Town Clerk