

# Town of West Point Plan Commission Minutes November 7, 2013

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes s. 19.84 the Plan Commission of the Town of West Point held its semi-monthly meeting on Thursday, November 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 7:03 p.m. Members present were Kevin Kessler, Nathan Sawyer, Byron Olson, Fred Madison, Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Renee Nair, and Gordon Carncross (Town Board Representative). Also present was Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk.

Agenda #2 – Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Fred Madison to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #3 Approve Minutes – Copies of the September 5, 2013 Plan Commission minutes had been emailed to each member for their review. A motion was made by Fred Madison to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Agenda #4 Correspondence – Wisconsin Towns Association informed the town about SB349 concerning nonmetallic mining. Pat Beghin sent a letter updating the town of the proposed update for ERN and the county. The town received a letter from John Bluemke letting us know Columbia County Planning & Zoning they will have a meeting with the towns to discuss issues with the potential regulation of cell and radio towers, tourist rooming houses, and other issues on November 20, 2013, at 6:30pm.

Agenda #5 Citizen Input – Bill Roark inquired about the accident on Highway 188 by Smith Park Road.

Agenda #6 Recommendation Regarding County Assistance – Columbia County wanted to know which Towns wanted to receive County assistance for comprehensive planning, but now they found out no additional staff was budgeted in Columbia County's 2014 Budget. No action was taken.

Agenda #7 Information Regarding Allan & Paulette Beerkircher Request to Combine and Change Division of Residential Parcels – Jim Grothman attended the meeting representing the land owners. Allan & Paulette Beerkircher own two lots (Parcels 173 & 174A) on Theresa Lane, one is small and has lake frontage, the other one is bigger and doesn't have lake frontage. They would like to reconfigure the two lots so they both have lake frontage and to make them of similar value with a lot line adjustment. The Plan Commission did not see any significant issues at this point, but would have to consult with the Town's Attorney to look at it to see if it could be done with a lot line adjustment and if this would have "Park Fees" associated with it. This was an informational presentation. No action was taken.

Agenda #8 Heffron Property Development – Lake Drive – Dan Heffron and Jim Grothman attended the meeting to inform the Plan Commission of what Dan Heffron would like to do with property on Lake Drive. Dan Heffron is looking over his options for the property, about 3 acres are zoned residential and about 14 acres are zoned agricultural. He could make it into single family residential lots or rural residential lots. He showed the Plan Commission drawings of one of the options of dividing it into 6 lots. Individual Plan Commission members were polled for informal reactions. The members of the Plan Commission were not against dividing the land or considering the possibility of rezoning, but they want Dan Heffron to come before the Plan Commission with a more definite proposal for the property.

Agenda #9 Status of Chapter 6 Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance – The Town Clerk needs to talk to Attorney Jeff Clark about getting paper copies of Chapter 6 as adopted by the Town Board and a digital copy for the Town's website.

Agenda #10 Working Lands Initiative – Town Chair Dean Schwarz attended the Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Conference and learned more about the "Working Lands Initiative." Dean Schwarz wants to inform the West Point residents who own ag land about it. Gordon Carncross and Fred Madison volunteered to help Dean Schwarz get information out to interested residents.

Agenda #11 Broadband Infrastructure update– no report

Agenda #12 Town Board Report – no report

Agenda #13 Next Meeting Agenda and Date – There will be no meeting until there are sufficient agenda topics to require a meeting.

Agenda #14 Adjourn Meeting. A motion was made by Fred Madison to adjourn the November 7, 2013 Plan Commission meeting at 8:44 p. m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair - motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by  
*Taffy Buchanan,*  
Town Clerk