

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, December 9th, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 12/9/2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm by Ann Berlage, Chair with Steve Boe acting as secretary.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Berlage, Denise Picchetti, Steve Boe, Don Stover, Jennifer Weltzin and Kay Wilson

AUDIENCE: 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Denise Picchetti

2nd: Don Stover

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October 7th, 2020 REGULAR MEETING

Motion to change with the following change: Ann Berlage

Under [Discussion CAFO Ordinance]: change “We are unable to write an ordinance” to “We are unable to write a siting ordinance, instead, the Town.....”

2nd : Don Stover

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION – Comments Only

None

FOLLOW UP VARIANCE APPLICATION #20-002

Application passed Town board. County zoning limited the addition to 14’ by 10’ in line with existing walls, keeping the vegetative buffer intact, with a two-year time frame to complete.

STATUS of “BUNKHOUSE SURVEY

Ann attended virtually the most recent County Zoning Committee meeting regarding the Bunkhouse Survey. They approved and it has been passed on to the County Board of

Supervisors for their review and approval. An item of note is there will not be grandfathering of existing structures.

BOARD MEETING REPORT:

Ann attended virtually the Nov. 12th, 2020 regular Town of Round Lake Board meeting and updated them on the Planning Commission issues and work. The current work done on CAFO's was discussed. The Board reviewed the Planning Commissions draft ATV route resolution No. 02-2020.

ATV ROUTE DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Planning Commission reviewed the second draft resolution No. 02-2020 and had one proposed revision regarding the further detailed definition of what 25 signed petitioners' definition is; does a jointly held parcel (husband and wife) count as one or two was the concern. Ann will present this at the next Town of Round Lake Board meeting for consideration.

CAFO ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Steve and Don presented information from their research. Steve mentioned any proposed CAFO must apply for a permit from the WI DNR to be a CAFO, and the DNR does look at waterway pollution, run off, etc. as part of their review process, so there is some oversight of the potential negative impacts to the environment. Don mentioned that an environmental group called "Sustain Rural Wisconsin" network has called for a statewide moratorium on new or expanding CAFO to hit the pause button and consider public health and safety, as well as rural well water safety. They noted the WI DNR currently does not have a policy to notify adjacent property owners who have wells if a CAFO has violated a rule of their DNR permit. Ann visited with a representative from the Town of Eureka, WI on their CAFO ordinance on regulating and rules on CAFO in their community. It was agreed that our Town should look to develop something like this to help protect the water wells and environment. It was discussed it is a complex topic and an attorney would be needed to help draft the ordinance. Ann will discuss this option with the Board at their next meeting to get their thoughts on moving forward. It was noted only land zoned or classified Ag. 1 would qualify.

STATUS OF "GOALS & OBJECTIVES"

Bike Routes/Paths: Discussion was held on possible yellow "Share the Road" signs for travel safety in our Town for drivers, walkers, joggers, and bikers, since we don't have sidewalks. Discussed the Town wants to promote/encourage physical exercise and health in a safe manner. It was noted Spider Lake Township has some of these signs. Ann will ask the Board about possible funding for the signs and which roads to post.

Dark Skies/Lighting: Don had sent the dark skies/lighting advantages literature on the Town of Round Lake website to area lake associations so they can distribute this information to their members via a newsletter or hand out a lake association meetings. It was discussed an ordinance was attempted to be passed awhile back and did not go through. Education versus an ordinance was discussed as the realistic result. Denny will contact Town of Round Lake building inspector Steve Boss about possibly working with him on educating homeowners on the benefits of dark skies.

Billboards: no discussion at this time

Economic Development: Jen noted in the recent United State C.A.R.E.S act there was funding appropriated for rural broadband expansion and there was discussion on how towns are to apply for this, etc. The COVID 19 virus and remote schooling has brought further attention to this issue for rural towns. Ann will check with the Board if they know of any application for the CARES acts funds that is done or considered.

Future Land Use Map: no new discussion on this.

STATUS OF EDUCATION SERIES WEB TRAINING MATERIAL AVAILABILITY

Still waiting on information. Delayed due to COVID-19.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

Discussed the second Wednesday of January, or January 13th, 2021 at 6:00pm as tentative virtual meeting

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:48 pm

Motion: Denise Picchetti

2nd: Don Stover