

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 2/10/21. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Ann Berlage, with Sarah Gunn as secretary.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gunn, Don Stover, Ann Berlage, Denise Picchetti, Jen Welzin, Steve Boe, Kay Wilson & Jenny Chabek

AUDIENCE: 0

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Denise Picchetti

2nd: Don Stover

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 13, 2021, REGULAR MEETING

Motion: Don Stover

2nd: Denise Picchetti

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION - Comments Only

Jenny Chabek introduced herself to the Plan Commission as a new member of the Town Board replacing Marilyn Karns. Do we need to consider changes to our Comprehensive Plan due to COVID -- population may be increasing, land use permits, -- how does this impact services our town provides i.e. maintenance with roads & bridges; emergency personnel, etc.

BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Ann Berlage

- Status: Variance application #20-002 has been approved and sent on to the county; county denied application
- ATV/UTV resolution development status
- Dark Skies education - will continue to educate the community
- Broadband improvement - approved Commission to continue working on this
- Future Land Use Map - a committee has been formed with Sarah Gunn as the Plan Commission representative
- CAFO Ordinance Development - approved Commission to continue working on the ordinance development

DISCUSSION: CAFO ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT

Ann Berlage discovered the WI Towns Association is planning to come forward with an example CAFO ordinance within the next year, and SARP (Sustainable Agriculture Rural Project) often does pro bono work for communities looking to be proactive with the CAFO issue. The recommendation is to get a baseline with our water. Many Lake Associations already share this info with the DNR. Don Stover will look into what information has already been documented. Matt McKay (Env. Health Tech. and Drinking Water Specialist for Sawyer County) collects yearly data on the quality of business drinking water. Discussion on getting a baseline of private residential wells within the

Town, and discussion to draft a CAFO ordinance based on Town of Eureka or Bayfield's CAFO ordinance. Jen Welzin will look into grant opportunities for offsetting the cost of private residential well testing.

DISCUSSION: Future Land Use Map Initiative

Committee met and discussed the needs of Sawyer County with our Future Land Use Map. We will be meeting again on February 17 to look at overlaying a variety of maps to consider the best use of the land. Sarah Gunn will take to the committee the consideration of only being able to *maintain* Agriculture lands as stated in our Comprehensive Plan and not *expanding* them.

DISCUSSION & STATUS OF "GOALS & OBJECTIVES"

Bike Routes / Paths Update: Jen Welzin reported she has reached out to the WI DOT and the WI bike Federation in regards to how signage has been leveraged in other areas and their recommendations to the best way of keeping the safety of roadways. Still waiting to hear back from them.

Dark Skies / Lighting Update: no update at this time

Economic Development / Broadband Update: Ann Berlage contacted the State Broadband Commission. Grants for 2021 have already been awarded, but it is anticipated the grants will be available again for 2022. Gov Evers has a rural broadband expansion plan included in his upcoming annual budget. Jen Welzin reported Sawyer County is also working on the issue of rural broadband in our area. County challenges include identifying underserved areas with infrastructure needs and 3 different providers in our county.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

How has COVID impacted the services our Town is providing?

NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

March 10 at 6:00 pm. - virtual

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:21 pm

Motion: Ann Berlage

2nd: Denise Picchetti

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gunn