

**ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 4/06/21. 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, Kay Wilson, Ginny Chabek, Sharon Haack, Rolfe Hansen  
AUDIENCE: Jeff Groeschel, Yvonne Bailen, Darrel Mast, Jean Pertell, Karen Giese

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda: Denise Picchetti  
2nd: Jen Welzin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 10, 2021, REGULAR MEETING**

Motion: Don Stover  
2nd: Denise Picchetti

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**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION - Comments Only**

None

**CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION #21-007**

Summary of Application by Jeff Groeschel & Darryl Mast: standard gravel pit with sand and rock bi-products operating on initial 5 acres located behind the existing Thompson gravel pit. Will crush approximately 1x/year; usually late or early in the year to be cognizant of the noise level.

Discussion:

- Operation Plan includes hours of 5AM-10PM; 7AM-7PM would be acceptable
- Product primarily for Sawyer County and adjacent counties
- Would use existing access off Hwy 77
- Existing Conditional Use Permit only pertains to currently identified 5 acres; phase 1 = 5 acres; phase 2+ would expand into more acreage as needed which would need another conditional use permit
- Concerns: hours of operation, noise, road access, deforestation, impact on wildlife, number of trucks entering & exiting Hwy 77

Sawyer County Ordinance 6.23.2 - Rock crushers have a set back of 1000' from homes; this setback limits the area where a rock crusher could be located

Recommendation to deny this Conditional Use permit based on it not following our Northwoods character the Plan Commission has been charged with preserving:

Sarah Gunn

2nd: Jen Welzin

Discussion:

This permit is for the current identified 5 acres. Any additional expansion would require an additional conditional use permit.

The current permit is:

- Zoned appropriately
- Demonstrates existing mineral deposits
- Has proximity to transportation
- Protect public/private right
- Includes a reclamation plan

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As per the *Sawyer County Zoning Committee Checklist for Findings of Fact* the Plan Commission recommends denying this Conditional Use Permit for the following reasons:

- It would be damaging to the rights of others and property values
- It would be detrimental to ecology, wildlife, wetlands or shorelands
- It would create an air quality, water supply or pollution problem
- It would create topographical problems such as runoff, drainage, erosion, flooding, or vegetative cover removal
- It would create traffic or highway access problems

#### **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: Section 6-6 Trailer Camps and Campgrounds**

Recommendation for Town Board to approve this amendment with the addition of language limiting the number of permanent campsites available: Ann Berlage  
2nd: Don Stover

Discussion: Does not have a limitation of permanent campsites. There is a concern with too many permanent campers and not enough for a transient camper

#### **BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Ann Berlage**

- COVID-19 Impact - added to today's agenda
- Signage for bicycles - added to Board agenda
- Broadband Improvement - Town Chair has been attending meetings in Madison
- Future Land Use Map - will make a recommendation during this meeting
- CAFO Ordinance Development - added to Board agenda

#### **UPDATE & DISCUSSION: CAFO ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Ground and Surface Water Baseline Testing - info shared from DNR; well-water viewer - allows the viewer to go into Sawyer county and narrow the search to Towns and sections to see results from testing; UW-Stevens Point shared info just today narrowing down Town of Round Lake data; Information regarding water quality from these sources may be added to the Town website; will follow-up with Sawyer County this week
- Proposed draft ordinance: Discussion of sections
  - Condition of CAFO required to monitor wells on a regular basis (yearly to every 5 years)
  - Section 3-7: modifying 1000 animal units to 500; how often would the CAFO license need to be renewed - yearly as stated in section 14;
  - Section 8-9: Add notification through registered mail instead of regular first class mail; Prove It First and Bonding Requirement is also included in Bayfield's example - Legal Counsel may be needed

- Section 10-12: is a condition of approval financial assurance?; is the financial assurance also an annual requirement?; Conditional Use should be with to the land, however, the permit & financial assurance should not
- Section 13-15: concern with term of permit - needs stronger language
- Section 16-18: has legal interpretation - legal counsel may be needed
- Recommendation to share section discussion with the Board

**UPDATE & DISCUSSION: Future Land Use Map Initiative**

Motion to recommend to the Board to keep our Future Land Use Map as it stands in our 2019 Update of the Comprehensive Plan: Sarah Gunn  
2nd: Denise Picchetti

**UPDATE, DISCUSSION, & STATUS OF “GOALS & OBJECTIVES”**

- Bike Signage Update: Options (Reduce speed, Share the road signage, May Use Full Lane) will be presented at the Board meeting
- Dark Skies/Lighting Update: information and a sample ordinance will be shared with the Commission; this issue will be brought back on the agenda in May
- Economic Development/Broadband Update: still in communication with Sawyer County and LCO; Town chair has been to Madison about this issue, but nothing specific with moving forward at this time; discussion of Viasat as a potential provider; discussion of partnership possibilities with CenturyLink and its funding needs

**DISCUSSION: COVID-19 IMPACT/RESPONSE**

- This is an awareness topic to watch for the future impact with the increase in visitors to the Town

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

none

**NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING**

May 12 at 6:00 pm. - virtual

**MEETING ADJOURNED** at 9:04 pm

Motion: Denise Picchetti

2nd: Don Stover

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gunn

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