

**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

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

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