

## ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 8/11/2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ann Berlage, Chair with Steve Boe acting as secretary.

### ATTENDEES

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

AUDIENCE: David Farley

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Berlage made notes to a couple of minor errors in the agenda related to items #5 & #6, regarding incorrect application numbers.

Motion to approve revised agenda: Denise Picchetti  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Stover

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 7th, 2021 REGULAR MEETING

Motion: Denise Picchetti  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Stover

### AUDIENCE RECOGNITION – Comments Only

None

### VARIANCE APPLICATION #21-007 – DAVID AND ALLISON FARLEY

Application is for construction of two story 24X24 garage with eaves, including 14X20 triangle portion connection to existing primary dwelling. Proposed location would be located 44' at the closest point to the OHWM of Round Lake. Applicant was present and stated needed additional storage space, and a garage in his opinion is a hardship exception in NW Wisconsin. After discussion and questions with applicant, the commission unanimously denied this variance as lack of a garage is not a hardship in NW Wisconsin but a luxury, there are unique property

limitations such that the structure would be too close to the OHWM, it would be detrimental to ecology, wild life, wetlands or shorelands, it would create topographical problems such as run off, drainage, erosion, and it would not allow protection of public interests.

#### CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION #21-020 – DONALD ANDERSON

A permit is desired for an accessory structure on vacant lake property subject to section 4.26(1) of Sawyer County Zoning ordinance. Placement of a shipping container 8' X 20' in size for storage of tools and equipment and to clean up lot to build a dwelling in three years. Applicant was not present at meeting. Three members of the planning commission had driven by property to view. There was a complaint in application that property was not kept up, there was junk and garbage surrounding container, which created unsightly views from road and not in Northwoods character and compatible with adjacent lots. The three planning commission members who viewed the property agreed. It was voted down unanimously by all members of the planning commission, based on: It would be damaging to the rights of others and property values; it would not be compatible with the surrounding uses and the area; it would create an objectional view.

#### BOARD MEETING REPORT:

The board inadvertently left the Planning Commission off the agenda so nothing to report.

#### STATUS – TRAILER CAMPS ORDINANCE SECTION 6.6

Ann reported that Sawyer County approved and passed this ordinance.

#### STATUS – MCCLAIN ROAD SAFETY

Nothing new to report as person responsible for this project could not attend meeting.

#### CAFO ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Don reported he visited with Kevin Masarik of the University of Wisconsin, who is a groundwater specialist. He has agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss baseline procedures for safe water in our Town. It was discussed the regular board should attend also for this important subject and information. He will let us know what other tests to run or to look out for in a water quality baseline testing. Also, the proposed draft ordinance continues in preparation.

#### STATUS OF "GOALS & OBJECTIVES"

Bike Routes/Paths: No new discussion on this subject.

Dark Skies/Lighting: Discussed having lake associations send out email to survey their members regarding their interest in having a dark sky ordinance in the Town of Round Lake. Don will draft a letter to be sent to the lake associations in the Town of Round Lake,

including Tiger Cat Flowage, Callahan Lake, Moose Lake and Round Lake. The results of this information would be shared with the Planning Commission and Town of Round Lake Supervisors to help determine public interest in a future dark sky ordinance.

Economic Development: No new discussion on this subject.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration of Billboards for future items.

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

Discussed the second Wednesday of September, or September 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm as tentative virtual meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15 pm

Motion: Denise Picchetti

2<sup>nd</sup>: Don Stover