

**ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 04/13/22. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ann Berlage, with Sarah Gunn as secretary.

**ATTENDEES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Berlage, Sarah Gunn, Don Stover

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ginny Chabek

AUDIENCE: none

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda: Don Stover

2nd: Sarah Gunn

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES for March 09, 2022, REGULAR MEETING**

Motion to approve: Don Stover

2nd: Ann Berlage

**AUDIENCE RECOGNITION and GENERAL COMMENTS- Comments Only**

none

**BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Ann Berlage**

Ann reported she presented the CAFO ordinance to the Town Board. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the CAFO ordinance on June 4 at noon. Ann also shared the Commission's discussions regarding High Capacity wells. The Board stated they will also do some research on this issue. The Plan Commission will be collecting follow-up data on McClaine Road Safety during the summer months.

**UPDATE: Milestone Materials**

Mrotek Pit will be presenting more info to the board.

**ACTION ITEM: Discuss and fill out zoning questionnaire re: Storage Sheds and Containers**

The Plan Commission completed the Zoning questionnaire as follows. Ann will present our thoughts to the Board.

- 1) The Commission has mixed opinions on the Shipping Container issue.
  - The county has a lack of enforcement so they should not be allowed in Sawyer County.
  - Shipping Containers can be an affordable option for storage when new land is purchased.
- 2) CUP is needed with the expectation of aesthetically pleasing.
- 3) no, only 1 shipping container would be allowed and only with a CUP
- 4) Yes, Land Use Permits are needed and size stipulations
- 5) <120sq ft - this allows room for maintenance type equipment necessary to the upkeep of the land

- 6) If storage sheds are allowed, a CUP is preferred to allow for more control and keeping the Town informed of what is being built in the Town
- 7) Exemptions should not be allowed for platted subdivisions. The potential for close lots to only have storage sheds on them is distressing.
- 8) 14' max height allows for storage in rafters, but not enough for a habitable living space.

### **STATUS: McClaine Road Safety**

Don used the radar gun during Birkie Week at the Twin Lake Boat Landing. Speed ranged from 25-44mph. Snowy weather and the gravel on the bridge may have caused speeds to be lower than otherwise expected. Will collect more data this summer.

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

- Ground and Surface Water Baseline Testing Sub-Committee Report:
  - Last meeting was April 6. Some verbage was discussed and updated. Businesses will be offered the same \$30 testing offered to residents. Long term rentals can also be tested for \$30. Pick up test kits in July 5 Return in August. A map will be updated to keep track of where the water samples are collected from. Newspaper article coming April 27. WRLS radio interview coming in May. On June 25, Matt McKay coming to speak at the Town to inform residents on this process.
- The Proposed Draft Ordinance is now published on the Town website. A public hearing is scheduled for June 4.

### **DISCUSSION: HIGH CAPACITY WELLS**

High Capacity Wells are defined as a well that withdraws >100,000 gallons per day. This mining of water through high capacity wells is unsustainable and has a negative impact on wildlife & the environment. The Town of Round Lake has 1 permit to allow a draw from Lovejoy Lake for irrigation purposes.

Local concerns: 1) Lawsuit in Bayfield County right now for bottling artesian well water and selling in Duluth. 2) Spider Lake Township is concerned about the Birkie requesting a permit for a high capacity well in order to make snow. 3) We currently have 69 high capacity wells in Sawyer County.

### **DISCUSSION: Trends in Building Permits**

Tabled until May meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None identified at this time

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

May 11, 2022, at 6:00 pm. - virtual

### **MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:17 pm**

Motion: Don Stover

2nd: Sarah Gunn