

## **ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually and in person at the Town Hall on November 9th, 2022. 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, Steve Boe, Cindy Bijold, Martin Hanson, Jane Bidwel, and Board Liaison-Don Stover.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ginny Chabek, Kay Wilson

AUDIENCE: Travis Butterfield

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve agenda: Jane Bidwell

2<sup>nd</sup>: Martin Hanson

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 12th, 2022, REGULAR MEETING**

Motion to approve: Jane Bidwell

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cindy Bijold

### **AUDIENCE RECOGNITION – Comments Only**

None

### **ACTION ITEM: Travis Butterfield CUP #22026**

This is for a permit desired for the Sawyer County NR 135 Reclamation Issuance for location/operation of a non-metallic mineral open gravel pit. After commission discussion regarding materials presented, a motion was made and approved by the commission all in favor to deny the CUP based on the following: It would not be consistent with the Town Comprehensive Plan; It would be significantly damaging to the rights of others and property values; It would create an air quality, water supply, or pollution problem.

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

Ann reported to the Board of Supervisors of Town of Round Lake on October 13th an update on the Planning Commission work and meetings which included: CUP #22-015 now in full compliance, update on the Recreation Plan; water testing program status; the Twin Lake road safety project and speed limit testing; Hi-Capacity Wells research; update on Town of Round Lake Application Process Guide; and ATV/UTV signage on town and private roads.

### **STATUS ON TOWN ROAD SAFETY (TWIN LAKE ROAD)**

After reviewing the speed test results, the regular Town of Round Lake Board approved the 45-mph speed limit for Twin Lake Road east of Highway 77 to the 35-mph zone just east of Farnsworth Road. The speed limit signage is now up. There were concerns about the portable speed check machine related to the new speed limit being too close to Highway 77. Don Stover will call the Sheriff's office and request it be moved approximately 300 yards further east to get more realistic results.

### **DISCUSSION ON HIGH-CAPACITY WELLS**

Ann reported on her previous discussion with Sawyer County Jay Kozlowski who mentioned any application to have a high capacity well will probably involve a rezone to industrial and a conditional use application. Also, Ann had conversation with Atty Linda Coleman, legal counsel for Bayfield Co., who expressed concern to be proactive and specify CUP for Hi-Cap wells in I-2 (or similarly limited zoned area) so applicant would have to apply for rezone and CUP. This would eliminate new Hi-Cap wells in other zoned areas. Discussion was held that the current Industrial zone definition in Sawyer County ordinances does not specially state high-capacity wells in their definitions for industries authorized by conditional uses. Martin Hanson made a motion and seconded by Cindy Bijold that the planning commission request the regular Town of Round Lake Board to draft a letter to Sawyer County Zoning requesting that high-capacity wells get added to Section 17.7 I-1 B, Uses Authorized by Conditional use, of the Industrial-1 zone district.

### **UPDATE ON GROUND AND SURFACE WATER BASELINE TESTING**

Don Stover reported all the test results of those participating are out and that the public meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall regarding the testing and results was well attended and very informative. Matt McKay of Sawyer County water testing mentioned they hope to roll this out to the whole county it went so well.

### **DISCUSSION/UPDATE ON ASPHALT PLANT TOUR**

Cindy Bijold and Jane Bidwell from the Commission participated in the tour and got to see the asphalt machine in operation and the operations in general. Concerns viewed included the high amount of expulsion and smoke from the machine even after their efforts to reduce it and how, with the right wind, residents in the area could be negatively affected. They discussed with the

pit owners the desire for more tree line buffer for noise and air pollution to alleviate resident concerns which they stated they are trying to get a local contractor to do this.

**DISCUSSION: OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN**

The plan is still in process of being created and the commission received additional guidance literature from NWRPC on the application guidelines and rules.

**ACTION ITEM: UPDATE ON TOWN OF ROUND LAKE APPLICATION PROCESS GUIDE**

The Town of Round Lake Board had asked the Planning Commission to review and update. Martin Hanson of the Planning Commission drafted an initial document and shared with the Planning Commission. After a few minor corrections, the document will be presented for the Planning Commission's approval, then move it on to the Town Board for their review and approval.

**DISCUSSION ON ATV SIGNAGE ON ROADS:**

Discussion was held regarding potential signage and the educational benefit on certain roads with rental properties on them, as the visitors renting do not know which roads are approved or not. Also, concern was expressed about private roads.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Dark skies initiative and education. Concern was expressed about more properties having more and brighter LED lights which remain on the whole night. Previous efforts directed to education were mentioned. Interest was expressed to return this issue to the agenda.

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

December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. – virtual or in person at Town Hall

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m.**

Motion: Don Stover

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jane Bidwell