

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, December 7, 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 December 7, 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 and Jane Bidwell.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Stover, Ginny Chabek, Kay Wilson

AUDIENCE: Travis Butterfield, Max (Mr. Butterfield's attorney)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Martin Hanson

2nd: Jane Bidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9TH, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve: Martin Hanson

2nd: Jane Bidwell

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION – Comments Only

Travis Butterfield was in attendance at the Town Hall regarding his CUP #22026

ACTION ITEM: Travis Butterfield CUP #22026, as Amended

This is for an AMENDED permit and CUP desired for the Sawyer County NR 135 Reclamation Issuance for location/operation of a non-metallic mineral open gravel pit. The amended version reduces the gravel pit acreage from 39 to 10.37 acres. The gravel pit would be entirely in Zone F-1 versus RR 1. The crushing hours were reduced to 8am to 5pm and no Saturdays and seven total crushing days per year from April to December. Mr. Butterfield noted most of the gravel would be used for his commercial business as needed for projects. After commission discussion regarding materials presented and questions by members of Mr. Butterfield, a motion was made by Martin Hanson and with second by Jane Bidwell and approved by the

commission with all in favor to approve the amended CUP #22026 based on the revised language and the conditions in the reclamation document in the amended CUP #22026.

BOARD MEETING REPORT- Ann Berlage

Ann reported to the Board of Supervisors of Town of Round Lake on November 10th an update on the Planning Commission work and meetings, which included: CUP #22-026 non-metallic mineral open gravel pit by Travis Butterfield – motion to deny because not consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, damaging to the rights of others and property values, create air quality, water supply, or pollution problems; Road Safety – relocation of speed check machine so more effective; High-Capacity wells – presented motion requesting the Board to draft a letter to County Zoning requesting the high-capacity wells get added to Section 17.7 I-1 B, Uses Authorized by Conditional Use, of the Industrial-1 one district; Ground Water testing – public meeting very informative, some wells with elevate manganese levels; Update on the Recreation plan; Town of Round Lake Application Process Guide – expect finished document next month; ATV signage – encourage Board to put issue on future agenda; Asphalt Plant Tour - planning commission members attended, their comments and observations.

STATUS ON TOWN ROAD SAFETY (TWIN LAKE ROAD)

There were concerns about the portable speed check machine related to the new speed limit being too close to Highway 77. Don Stover called the Sheriff to correct this who referred him to the Town of Hayward, who never got back to him. Don mentioned the portable speed check machine has been removed, probably for the winter snow plowing. The hope is to have it back up in the Spring farther east on the road, to alert seasonal residents and tourists to the new speed limit. Martin Hanson inquired if we could get the history of speed from the unit. Don Stover will check on that and report at future meetings.

DISCUSSION ON HIGH-CAPACITY WELLS

Board considering motion presented from last meeting and working issue with County Zoning committee when meet to review zoning ordinances and consider garnering support from other Towns.

UPDATE ON GROUND AND SURFACE WATER BASELINE TESTING

Concern about the high manganese levels was discussed. Don Stover is investigating remediation with a water softener system, while Cindy Bijold is exploring a filtration system. They are planning follow-up testing and will report in the future on the results. Valuable information may be revealed for public education purposes.

DISCUSSION: OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

Martin Hanson noted he is working on a rough draft of the plan to be presented at the next Planning Commission meeting for review. He mentioned he utilized the Sawyer County Recreation plan as a guide.

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

Martin Hanson shared the revised document. Ann Berlage will present to the Board and so they can move forward with this.

DISCUSSION ON ATV SIGNAGE ON ROADS:

Discussion was held regarding potential signage might be beneficial on certain roads with rental properties on them, as the visitors renting do not know which roads are approved or not. Don Stover mentioned the regular Town Board hopes to get this on their agenda for future meetings.

DISCUSSION ON DARK SKIES INITIATIVE

Planning Commission discussed seeing more lighting used in general along lake front property. Jane Bidwill mentioned she visited the Internal Dark Skies website that has good information on the benefits of dark skies in communities and will share this information for future meetings and discussion. Martin Hanson inquired of Sawyer County if any current laws limit residential lighting and was directed to ACT-55. Ann Berlage will check with Towns' Assoc. about what implication this has for local government.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

January 11th^h, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. – virtual or in person at Town Hall

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:10 p.m.

Motion: Jane Bidwell

2nd: Cindy Bijold