

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 01/12/23. 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, Martin Hanson, Jane Bidwell, Steve Boe, Don Stover (Board liaison)

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

AUDIENCE: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Jane Bidwell

2nd: Steve Bidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 7, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve: Sarah Gunn

2nd: Jane Bidwell

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION and GENERAL COMMENTS- Comments Only

none

BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Ann Berlage

Commission approved Travis Butterfield CUP #22-026 as amended based on the revised language and the conditions in the reclamation document of the amended CUP #22-026. Commission continued work: High Capacity wells, Outdoor recreational plan, Follow up ground and surface water baseline testing – remediation wells high manganese levels, Potential signage ATV/UTV certain roads with a high number of short-term rental properties on them as renters do not know if the road is approved for usage or not. Updated Town of Round Lake Application Process Guide – completed and approved.

STATUS: CUP #22-026: Travis Butterfield

The County approved the amended CUP #22-026. Jane and Kay reported our conditions were well received.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEM: Code of Ethics ordinance for the Town of Round Lake

Kay reported that the Code of Ethics ordinance was proposed so that everyone would understand the roles and responsibilities of Town Board Members, as well as their voting process. There was question about the origins of this ordinance and its legal review and

standing. Similar language was found to exist in other ordinances put out by the Town's Association. It was also pointed out that a sentence in Section IV - C regarding contractors and subcontractors may be questionable. Ann will seek clarification at the next Town Board meeting.

Motion to table: Martin Hanson

2nd: Sarah Gunn

STATUS: Town Road Safety

Don reported he spoke to the Town of Police about the speed indicator on Twin Lakes Road and learned the unit does not store any data. It is adjusted only for the speed posted on the road to act as a speed indicator. The Plan Commission will need to make a formal request to have it posted again in the Spring after plowing is done.

STATUS: Ground And Surface Water Baseline Testing Sub-Committee Report

Don is going to trial a water softener unit to decrease the manganese levels in his well. Cindy, on the other hand, will test a filtration system. After using the units, they will both re-test their wells to see if there has been any improvement compared to the initial test results. The Ground and Surface Water Committee plans to hold its next meeting in the Spring and continue testing throughout the Summer of 2023.

STATUS: High-Capacity Wells

The goal of the Plan Commission is to be proactive in addressing any potential issues related to High-Capacity Wells, particularly in the context of bottling water and transporting it to areas facing water shortages outside of the Town of Round Lake. Ginny reported that most High-Capacity Wells in Sawyer County are used for agricultural purposes. The Town Clerk shared a resolution written by Ann Berlage, which includes a recommendation from a lawyer Ann consulted with. The recommendation is to only allow High-Capacity Wells in areas zoned as Industry 1 or Industry 2. By implementing this zoning recommendation, the Town will have more control over any future High-Capacity Wells, as it has more authority over rezoning than over issuing conditional use permits.

DISCUSSION: Outdoor Recreation Plan

Martin is using the Sawyer County Recreation Plan and the Town of Hayward's Recreation Plan as guides to help him create a draft for the Town of Round Lake's Outdoor Recreation Plan. Kay suggested that the Town of Bass Lake's plan could also be a useful reference. Martin is looking for someone to join him on this project and Jane Bidwell has offered to be his partner.

STATUS: Update Town of Round Lake Application Process Guide

The Application Process Guide has been posted to the Town website.

DISCUSSION: ATV/UTV Signage on Town Roads

“No ATV Traffic” is the only signage currently being used. (only sign recognized by DOT)
Sign with an ATV with a red line going thru it is not currently recognized by the DOT. A
Town ordinance is required to enforce.

Additional signage is needed esp in areas receiving complaints. Recommended to
follow thru with petitions meeting certain requirements asking for more signage that meet
set requirements. This item is on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION: Dark Skies

The attorney for the Wisconsin Town's Association mentioned that the Town has the
authority to pass an ordinance on lighting. Jane is interested in looking into this topic in
more depth. There was a conversation about researching the enforcement of similar
ordinances in other locations.

It was suggested to share Don's Lake Association's findings regarding Dark Skies with
the Board. A request was made to move the information on Dark Skies on the Town's
website to a more prominent location, making it easier for residents to find. There is also
interest in looking into creating an ordinance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

February 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm. - in-person at the Town Hall or virtual through Webex

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:04 pm

Motion: Martin Hanson

2nd: Jane Bidwell

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gunn