

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually on 02/08/23. The meeting was called to order at 5:57 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 MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Stover, Ginny Chabek, Kay Wilson

AUDIENCE: Dan and Tom Thompson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda: Martin Hanson

2nd: Jane Bidwell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 11, 2022, REGULAR MEETING

Motion to approve: Jane Bidwell

2nd: Martin Hanson

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION and GENERAL COMMENTS- Comments Only

Dan & Tom Thompson

ACTION ITEM: CUP #23-002: Bob & Elaine Thompson Trust

Permit desired for the five (5) year renewal CUP #88-011 for the location of a non-metallic mineral extraction, including rock crusher and hot mix plant which was originally approved at public hearing on July 29, 1988 and renewed most recently on February 21, 2020.

Over the past three years, the pit has only been used for crushing once. It is used minimally for mineral extraction. There has not been a hot plant in operation for the past 20 years, and there are no plans to reinstall one. No changes are proposed for the duration of this Conditional Use Permit (CUP). The hot plant has been kept in the CUP, just in case Highway 77 needs to be repaved. The normal hours of operation are 7 AM to 7 PM, and crushing hours are from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Motion to approve with conditions of normal operating hours of 7 am-7 pm, crushing hours of 8-5 pm, and no hot plant unless HWY 77 needs to be re-blacktopped within 15 miles of the plant: Sarah Gunn

2nd: Jane Bidwell

BOARD MEETING REPORT -- Ann Berlage

- As per Town Ordinance Don will continue on as LUPC member as originally appointed.
- Town Code of Ethics Ordinance was tabled for clarification on some definition issues.
- Town Road Safety: Plan Commission will request to have the electronic speed limit indicator posted again this Spring after the snow is gone.
- Ground and surface water baseline testing will continue this spring/summer.
- Resolution from LUPC to Town Board requesting Town make an effort to collaborate with other Sawyer County Towns and work toward getting Sawyer County Zoning to take a proactive approach on the high capacity well issue; limiting zoning locations for high capacity wells to areas zoned Industry 1 or Industry 2
- LUPC continues to work on outdoor recreational plan and dark skies initiative
- ATV signage issue will be a future board agenda item

STATUS: Code of Ethics ordinance for the Town of Round Lake

The contractors and subcontractors statement mentioned in section 4C has been revised. The Code of Ethics topic will be an item on the next Town Board agenda. Martin has objections to the stated revisions, as he feels the town would be exceeding its enforcement capabilities. The Town Association has described the revised version as a standard ordinance. Ann will report Martin's objections to the Board.

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

Don reported that Matt McKay will be compiling information, including any price increases, for next month's meeting. Don hopes to have his further testing results ready to report in March. Residents who have their well tested and choose to install a filtration system will be encouraged to retest their wells in the future.

STATUS: High-Capacity Wells

Don reported the Board presented a spreadsheet of the locations of all High Capacity Wells in Sawyer County. This topic is not on the Board agenda for the next meeting.

STATUS: Outdoor Recreation Plan

Nothing to report at this time.

DISCUSSION: ATV/UTV Signage on Town Roads

Don reported that the Board has discussed the issues on Hildreth and Busse roads during a previous Town Board Meeting. These issues will be further addressed on the next Board Agenda. The LUPC discussed targeting signs in areas where there have been complaints. It was recommended to follow through with petitions that meet specific requirements, asking for additional signage that meets established standards.

Motion to affirm previous LUPC position and supplement with recommendation for ATV signage to be installed per petition of min of 3 landowners within 2 miles of proposed sign location: Martin Hanson
2nd: Jane Bidwell

DISCUSSION: Dark Skies

The next Town Board Agenda will address the topic of Dark Skies. It is expected that further clarity will be sought regarding restrictions on either the duration or the specifications of lighting fixtures. The LUPC had discussions about relocating the Dark Skies section on the Town's website for better visibility to the public. The majority of the lake associations have expressed a desire for the Town of Round Lake to adopt a Dark Skies Ordinance. Further discussions were had on the importance of gathering the Board's feedback on the possibility of developing such an ordinance.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Short-term rentals ordinance
ATV ordinance

NEXT TOWN OF ROUND LAKE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING

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

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:55 pm

Motion: Don Stover
2nd: Jane Bidwell

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gunn