

ROUND LAKE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Plan Commission was held virtually and in person on 09/13/23.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Ann Berlage, with Ginny Chabek as secretary.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Berlage, Martin Hanson, Steve Boe, Don Stover, Jane Bidwell, Ginny Chabek

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Don Stover

AUDIENCE: James Mullen, Dan Jung, Barbara Betz

ACTION Approval of Agenda - Motion by Don 2nd by Jane, unanimous approval

ACTION Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting August 9, 2023.

Minutes approved with corrections motion by Martin, 2nd by Don

Audience Registration and General Comments - None

ACTION: Variance 23-006 James Mullen and Barbara Betz

Discussion – requesting variance to put an addition on an existing principle structure to add a bathroom and entryway. The previous request had been approved by the Town but was denied by the BOA due to a need to change the original request. This request is the updated version.

Motion to recommend that the board approve the variance based on the criteria of the 3-step process being met by the applicants as shown in the Staff Report.

Motion by Ginny 2nd by Don – Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1.

Board Meeting Report – Ann Berlage

- Variance update – recommendation that the Board follow up on the BOA approval unanimous with Don recusing
- ATV use discussion – to provide policy/direction to the Board
- Water testing program update
- Dark Skies documentation available
- TRH update
- Comprehensive plan item #6 update

Status and Discussion: Variance Application 23-003 John and Jeanne Skul

The Board did proceed with entering a complaint with the ZBoA. The response letter sent by the Skuls was read into the record. The Skuls have rescinded the request for

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the variance. The landowner to the north was present – Donn Jung. Mr. Jung stated that he had not been contacted by the Skuls regarding a potential transfer of land that may allow the Skuls an alternative to building closer to the wetland. He stated that there are additional wetlands on the property and a creek that flows from east to west across both properties.

Recommendation that the Board reach out to Andy Alvarez to ask for a response regarding the concerns at the ZBoA. Noted that the ZBoA needs to repeal the approval of Variance 23-003. This item is not on the September ZBoA agenda.

Status: Ground and Surface Water Baseline Testing sub-committee report

- Don Stover stated that the 44 people who did tests have received their responses. An invoice was sent to Kathy for payment to the County and UWSP. Awaiting results on overall findings.

Status: High-Capacity Wells – Nothing new

Discussion: Outdoor Recreation Plan

- Plan development – Martin – No update
- Further ideas – Ginny – TAP grant

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Discussion and Action: Resolution in support of Resolution No. 02-2020, Concerns, and Ideas for ATV/UTV Traffic on Town Roadways

Resolution created based on elements of the Town Comprehensive Plan. Added issues of public safety to compile a resolution to assist the Town Board with additional requests to open roads within the Town to ATV/UTVs

Recommending that Ginny provide additional information to the Board on the TAP grant process. Also, would the Board share the resolution with other Towns for their information?

Motion to approve the resolution by Ginny, 2nd by Jane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Status: Dark Skies information is available at the Town Hall for anyone to pick up.

Status: of short-term rental ordinance

The Committee has agreed to recommend that the state statues and code regarding septic system capacity apply to TRH licensing. Future meetings will continue to flesh out the overall recommendation.

Status: Comprehensive Plan Update Element 6: Economic Development
Additional data points being requested by Ann for next month's discussion

Discussion: Technology Infrastructure fund -Cindy
No update

Discussion: Town of Possible Development of a Round Lake Neighbor Handbook
(example ref : <https://www.cola-wi.org/s/website-handbook-lr.pdf>)

Discussion on whether to recommend that the Town creates its own visitor's guide. Martin mentioned that Round Lake is working on a guide but does not have a draft available yet.

Don to reach out to Callahan and Moose Lake associations to get copies of their books as well.

Martin to check with the Sawyer County Lakes Forum.

The idea was well received by the commission. Lake associations have typically done their own guides. Perhaps they can work with the Town to develop a comprehensive guide for the Town. This would be a more effective way of getting information in the hands of short-term renters.

Future Agenda items - None

Schedule next meeting
October 11th 6pm

Adjourn at 7:10 Motion by Don and seconded by Ginny All approved.

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