

Town of Round Lake Planning Commission Minutes – Regular Meeting December 13, 2023

A meeting of the Town of Round Lake Planning Commission was held virtually and in person on 12/13/2023.

Members present, Ann Berlage, Don Stover, Ginny Chabek, Martin Hanson

Audience present Dave Neuswanger, Dann Jung

- 1) Call to order at 6:00 pm – By Ann Berlage
- 2) Certification of meeting posting – By Ginny that it is posted on the website and at the Town Hall
- 3) Approval of Agenda – by Don, 2nd by Martin
- 4) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting November 8th, 2023. Motion by Ann, Second by Don to approve with corrections as discussed.
- 5) Audience Registration and General Comments

Martin Hanson commented on legislation in process on Wake Boats. Wisconsin Lakes Association is against these bills. Allows Wake Boating 200 feet from docks or shores and doesn't allow any more restrictive legislation locally. Martin is opposed to the legislation. Sawyer-County-Lakes-Forum .org has information on the legislation. Lakesatstake.org is a website also has information. Metrics that are important in assessing potential damage caused by wake boats are: size of lake, distance from shoreline, depth of lake. Lack of enforcement is also a problem. The Town of Round Lake Ordinance on wake boating on Tiger Cat Flowage, and Town of Hayward ordinance for Round Lake would be nullified if this legislation goes into effect.

Ginny Commented that the Thompson Gravel Pit was auctioned off. High Bid was \$205K for both lots ~25 acres. That is all of the information available at this time.

6) Announcement: Resignation of Cindy Bijold. Rolfe has sent a note that Kimberly Kayler is on the agenda for appointment to the LUPC in the December Board meeting. Dave Neuswanger is also a new commission member starting in January.

7) Board Meeting Report – Ann Berlage

November 9th Board report:

Cummings/Sommerville CUP - approved

Rezone JBT Properties – approved

Both are congruent with the Town comprehensive plan.

Don is involved in the multi-dwelling zoning ordinance re-write

Shared concern about the final resolution of the Skul variance.

Water testing program had been completed for this year

Working on the parking ordinance

Recreation plan in process

TAP grant had been submitted

Researching ATV/UTV Route and alternate plans

TRH committee update

Comprehensive plan update on Element 6 was completed

Training sessions to be attended by Don and Ginny

8) Status :CUP 23-027 Xavier Cummings & Carly – Approved by Town Board 2 horses no stallions. Zoning Committee approved up to 8 horses and that the CUP stay with the property not the owner. Concern by the commission that the original request was expanded. The process is disappointing because the LUPC is closest to the issue and the response should not have been altered.

9) Status: Rezone 23-012 JBT Properties LLC. – Approved by Town Board and Zoning

10) Status: Sawyer County Zoning Multi-Dwelling Development Ordinance Amendment - Development process (Don Stover) Phil Nies, Don and Jay K met to discuss and update the language in the ordinance including the definitions of multi-family and resort. The key is that Shoreland will not allow more than one dwelling per lot.

Updated language will be reviewed in the upcoming Zoning meeting on Friday and a decision made if it should be sent to the Towns for approval.

11) Status and Discussion: Variance Application 23-003 John and Jenne Skul/Sawyer County Zoning Board of Appeals - thread between Attorney Duffy and Attorney Coleman on how to make a final resolution to deny the variance that was previously approved. Expect to get an update from Kay as she is following this item.

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

- Don Stover – no update Ann added that the Town of Spider Lake is working on their CAFO ordinance but did not budget for water testing in 2024 as part of that process.

13) Status: High-Capacity Wells – no update

14) Update: CAFO ordinance – Discussion with Sarah Delaney, Ann shared that our ordinance should reflect 500 as the number of animal units not 1000 as it shows on the website. Ann is investigating.

15) Discussion: Parking Ordinance

- Ginny – Still a work in progress on what to recommend to the Board. Have found that other Towns in the area do not have parking ordinances. Most Town level ordinances are for more urban areas. Will continue to look for a town ordinance that is similar to Round Lake

16) Discussion: Outdoor Recreation Plan

- Plan development – Martin – Work in progress, worked with Chamber of Commerce and got some good information and will continue to work on it
- TAP Grant – Ginny – No update

17) Status and Discussion: PC Resolution 01-2023 – Ann got some new ATV trail maps to try and understand what the needs are.

Formulate questions to ask the Alliance to find out what their research has determined:

What has the alliance done to look at alternate routes other than roads?

Are they still looking at routes that primarily connect trails?

Did they look for funding for alternate routes?

Is there potential for adding trailer parking areas that would help the problem?

The alliance continues to press the County on opening up highways. Commission agrees to continue to work on this issue. The Alliance also has a responsibility to provide answers to questions that are addressed in the resolution.

18) Status: Dark Skies – continue to use documentation and try to educate the lakes associations.

19) Status: of short-term rental ordinance – Ginny to continue to press the County to move forward with the creation of an ordinance even though the Counties association is working on something in parallel.

20) Status and possible action: Comprehensive Plan Update Element 6: Economic Development – Need to have a public hearing on element 6 before the Board can approve. Will hold off on that for now until there is more for the public to review.

21) Discussion: Technology Infrastructure fund - Remove the topic from the agenda for now but don't forget about it because it is important. There is progress being made by Verizon and T-Mobile on infrastructure within the Town that could provide additional cell coverage and internet access.

22) Discussion: Possible Development of a Town of Round Lake Neighbor Handbook

(example ref : <https://www.cola-wi.org/s/website-handbook-lr.pdf>) Hayward Chamber of Commerce has more comprehensive information. Martin will continue to work with them.

23) Discussion: Commission Member Educational Opportunities – Don and Ginny attended one class and Don attended the other that were provided by the U of W recently. One was on the Role of the Plan Commission, and one on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

24) Future Agenda items - None

25) Schedule next meeting – Jan. 10th at 6pm.

26) Adjourn – Motion by Don, 2nd by Martin at 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Chabek