

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Planning Commission Public Hearing

The Town of West Point Planning Commission convened a Public Hearing on Jan. 11, 1996 at 7:41 PM at the Town Hall. The meeting was posted in three places.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the public hearing of the Town of West Point Planning Commission was called to order by Fred Madison. Planning Commission members present were Dave Cole, Dick O'Connor, Doug Richmond, Fred Madison, and Joyce Sinkule. Absent were Cliff Lawton and Roger Ballweg. Visitors included Town Chairman Fritz Thistle and Supervisor Al Treinen plus neighbors who had an interest in the potential use change on the Gordon Hartmann property.

Fred Madison requested that Earl and Tim Lanzendorf reiterate their proposed use of a portion of the Hartmann property as a quarry for gravel and/or sand. The access from State Trunk Highway (STH) 60 to the quarry site had been proposed at a previous meeting, but the location has been changed to alleviate the crossing of a drainage way for water runoff, and to use an existing farm road, with modifications for larger vehicles. Those areas with possible erosion problems would need to be controlled as needed, with the guidelines used for any construction or movement of large surface areas or roadways.

Fred Madison asked for questions or comments from those attending for purposes of the public hearing, with comments made as follows

1. Ground water contamination is a concern. There have been rumors that some quarries have created contamination. Discussion included the state requirement that all fuels must be contained or cleaned up if an accidental spill occurs.
2. Discussed the setback requirements which the county may have, if any.
3. Some visitors did not like the current access from STH 60. The state may dictate the exact location, based on its guidelines plus those which were established by the county and adopted by the Town of West Point. If a consensus cannot be obtained regarding the access or the best route to the quarry site, other alternatives may have to be considered, including an access from Reynolds Road. The Lanzendorfs prefer to have access off a state highway so that gravel can be hauled earlier in the spring without town road weight limits.
4. The question was raised as to whether or not the Hartmanns were in favor of the most recent proposed access onto STH 60. The Lanzendorfs will speak with the Hartmanns before their next appearance before the Planning Commission.
5. Discussed the need by the town for a close location for a gravel pit so that transportation costs are lower for the town and its needs for gravel.
6. Planning Commission would like Engineer Joe Costanza's opinion regarding the location of the access road, the slope, and need for any erosion control measures.
7. Discussed how many trees may have to be removed to begin excavation at the quarry site.

No further questions were proposed. Public hearing was adjourned by Fred Madison at 8:15 PM.

Joyce Sinkule, Secretary