

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Plan Commission Meeting

The Town of West Point Plan Commission met Thursday, July 11, 1996 at the Town Hall. The meeting was posted in three places.

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the meeting of the Town of West Point Planning Commission was called to order by Fred Madison. Planning Commission members present were Joyce Sinkule; Doug Richmond; Dick O'Connor, Roger Ballweg, Fred Madison, Town Engineer - Joe Constanza; Board Member present was Fritz Thistle. Absent were Dave Cole, Cliff Lawton, and Town Attorney Jeff Clark

MINUTES: Read and approved by Joyce Sinkule. Seconded by Roger Ballweg. Vote: Yes - 3 No - 0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Boat House - Proposed Amendment
To be reviewed and comments

DISCUSSION:

Sanitary District:

Gale Lamberty and LaVern Ballweg from the Town of Roxbury spoke to the situation confronting their sewer district. Their treatment facility has aged to the point that the Department of Natural Resources will not renew their permit to operate. The Town of Roxbury is allowed to continue on their existing permit as long as they show a good faith effort to find alternative treatment. Some of the options they are exploring are: (1) building a new treatment facility. That facility could possibly be shared by the Town of West Point. Expanding their district to include built up areas in between Roxbury and Sauk City and crossing the Wisconsin River to connect with the Sauk Prairie Sewage Commission (SPSC). Treatment would be provided by SPSC. Mr. Ballweg and Ms. Lamberty requested that the lines of communication remain open between the two Towns. Dick O'Connor will act as the Town of West Point liaison.

Fred Madison has began to research the possibility of a Utility District for the Town of West Point. Mr. Madison will continue to research and report to the Planning Commission as new information becomes available.

Buckley's:

Leo Sweet represented the Buckley's interests and reported that their preference was to have the property rezoned residential to allow two lots. The Town subdivision Ordinance mandates 50' of frontage on a town road. The rezoning as requested would not conform.

Motion by Joyce Sinkule to recommend to the Town Board that the property be rezoned to residential to allow one home to be built. The property cannot be further subdivided without proper access to a town road. Seconded by Roger Ballweg. Vote: Yes - 4 No - 0

Heffron:

Mr. Heffron is requesting that the former Zeler property be further subdivided. To date there are no outstanding legal issues. Town Engineer Joe Constanza, however, has numerous engineering concerns. Mr. Constanza will meet with Mr. Heffron's engineer the week of July 15th to begin working on the issues.

A number of neighborhood people attended to express numerous concerns. There is significant surface water flow through the area during heavy rains as close as 25' from a home. The storm water detention area mandated by the last subdivision may not hold additional runoff.

Mr. Scharkey spoke to his being "railroaded" with the last subdivision when the property was rezoned from commercial to residential. Mr. Scharkey continues to suggest that he is being persecuted by the actions of the Town and the potential for further development of the property east of his. Mr. Scharkey openly complained of being insulted when Mr. O'Connor suggested that Mr. Heffron had rights within limits of the Town Ordinances. The other concerns raised by the neighborhood citizens were the additional density and losses of the "rural character" of the neighborhood.

A question was raised about whether the area may have been set aside as a scenic preserve during Lady Bird Johnson's era in the White House. Town Engineer Constanza will research and report.

Raush Lane/Teresa Lane:

Motion by Doug Richmond to recommend to the Town Board that a public hearing be held on a Saturday morning to gain input from those affected. Each lane would be heard at a different time on the same day. Motion seconded by Joyce Sinkule. Vote: Yes - 4 No - 0

Town Board - Planning Commission Relationship:

Motion by Joyce Sinkule to recommend to the Town Board that the Town Board and the Planning Commission meet jointly to discuss issues of concern. The meeting could be scheduled for August 8, 1996 and the agenda be closed to all except that item. Motion seconded by Doug Richmond. Vote: Yes - 4 No - 0

July 25th Meeting Agenda: Columbia's proposed boathouse amendment (to be pre-read by Planning Commission members)
Public Hearing ordinance
Review information on Utility District

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM was made by Joyce Sinkule. Motion was seconded by Roger Ballweg and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dick O'Connor

July 2, 1996

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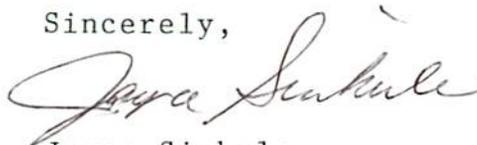
Dear Leo,

RE: Buckley zoning application

After talking with Mike Stapleton of the Planning & Zoning office at Columbia County, he is recommending that the Buckleys rezone their property to either Ag-2 or Residential. The county board would most likely lean toward the Ag-2 zoning, but you should appear at the next Town of West Point Planning Commission meeting for their recommendation to the Town Board.

As you can see, a copy of this letter is going to Edith Eberle so that you are on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Sincerely,



Joyce Sinkule

Planning Commission
Town of West Point

✓ cc: Eberle