

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Plan Commission Meeting

The Town of West Point Plan Commission met Thursday, May 8, 1997 at 8:08 PM 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 Dave Cole, Cliff Lawton, Dick O'Connor, and Joyce Sinkule. Absent was Roger Ballweg and Doug Richmond.

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 24th meeting were read and approved by Dave Cole.
Vote: Yes 4 No 0

CORRESPONDENCE: Dave Cole spoke about comments he received about the G.I.S. (Geographical Information System). They were concerns primarily of costs. In general comments were negative.

Dick O'Connor reported from the last Town Board meeting. Town Board Chairman Fritz Thistle had learned from the Town Boards Association that it is unwise to have members serving on both the Town Board and the Planning Commission and to vote on both. He requested that Dave Cole no longer vote on Planning Commission issues.

Discussion by Planning Commission members were in respectful disagreement. Chairman Fred Madison spoke strongly to allow Dave Cole to continue to vote on planning commission issues. It was the feeling of the Planning Commission members that Mr. Cole can separate issues responsibly and that conflicts of interest are unlikely. Chairman Madison feels that the Planning Commission must maintain seven voting members.

4 Rezoning - Jim Meister

Mr. Meister presented a plan to add 20' to the side of an existing 40' X 116' building currently housing his logging business. Due to the expansion of Mr. Meister's business to include tree trimming, stump removal and other general landscaping activities, Mike Stapleton of Columbia County Zoning feels commercial rather than Ag zoning is more appropriate.

Cliff Lawton is to contact Mr. Stapleton to discuss the issues.

A public hearing is scheduled for May 22, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.

#5 Rezoning - Myron Sharkey

Mr. & Mrs. Sharkey presented a preliminary plan to divide a portion of their commercial property into three (3) residential lots. Two lots are to be 10 ± acres and 1 lot to be 8 ± acres. An

existing approval for a single driveway outlet onto State Hwy 188 will serve the proposed lots. The Sharkey's are also proposing restrictive covenants to the deeds to prevent further future subdivision of the property.

The Planning Commission recommended that the Sharkey's provide more detailed information concerning density and deed restrictions.

A public hearing is scheduled for May 22, 1997 at 8:15 P.M.

6 *G. I. S. Budget*

Tabled to May 22, 1997 meeting.

7 *River Clean Up*

Dick O'Connor reported that the Sauk Prairie River Cleanup project will be held on May 31. The plan is for a group to clean the East side of the river. The area from Hwy 60 north to the Dam will be targeted.

8 *Town Recreation Planning*

Fred Madison met with representatives for the Ice Age Trail. His comments were that they were vague, but want to work with the Town. They seem to have no clear direction. Chairman Madison suggested to them that there is an urgency primarily due to land changing hands. Town cooperation will continue.

9 *Declare Sensitive Areas Within the Town.*

Fred Madison will pursue completion of a ground water map.

Bill Roark presented a written description of Gibraltar Rock and Bog.

10 *Tire Round Up*

The program sponsored by Columbia County to clear up old tires in the county was reviewed and discussed.

Next meeting agenda:

Town Board Report
Dave Cole's voting
Jim Meister - Sharkey
Town Recreation Planning
Tod Halverson

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM was made by Cliff Lawton and seconded by Joyce Sinkule
Vote: Yes 4 No 0

Respectfully Submitted

Dick O'Connor
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