

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Planning Commission Meeting

The Town of West Point Planning Commission convened a public hearing at their Aug. 14, 1997 meeting at 8:10 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 Dave Cole. Planning Commission members present were Dave Cole, Doug Richmond, Roger Ballweg, and Joyce Sinkule. Absent: Dick O'Connor, Fred Madison, and Cliff Lawton.

Public Hearing regarding Neal Harrison property: Tim Ryan of Lake Wisconsin Construction represented the Harrisons regarding their plans to replace a seasonal cottage with a year-round home. The property and surrounding area were discussed, including the beach promenade, which may now be of minimal size, due to constant erosion. The right-of-way to the beach is now a drainage area with a breaker rock base. Three neighbors attended the meeting, with no public dissention. Seven letters had been sent to nearby property owners. Public hearing was closed at 8:30 PM.

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 8:30 PM.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Roger Ballweg, seconded by Joyce Sinkule. Motion carried 4-0.

Correspondence: Additional information from Dick O'Connor was distributed regarding private lands along the Wisconsin River and other related issues.

Agenda Item # 5; Variance for Neal Harrison: Motion by Doug Richmond to recommend to the town board that the variance application be approved, subject to the recommendations made by Town Engineer Joe Costanza in a letter which was sent to Town Attorney Jeff Clark and to Neal Harrison. Seconded by Roger Ballweg. Motion carried 4-0.

Agenda Item #6, Variance Request by Vernon Richmond: Request for the construction of a 24' x 30' storage shed, located 104 feet from Highway 188. The county requirement is 115 feet. Other areas of the property are too steep or inaccessible for typical use. (Property is located near the intersection of STH 188 and Smith Road.)

Agenda Item #7, Variance Request by Devin Osborn: Mrs. Osborn represented the family and requested a variance to build a deck on the north side of their home (facing Lake Wisconsin) in Pleasantview Park. The house is 55 feet from the waters' edge. The Osborns are willing to remove an old shed from the shoreline as a condition of this variance request. A public hearing has been scheduled.

Agenda Item #8, Rezoning for Myron Sharkey: Information was received regarding the covenants and/or deed restrictions for this property. The documents need to be reviewed by

Joe Costanza and Jeff Clark. A letter from Clark, who had discussed the issues with Costanza, was also presented. To date, Attorney Clark may not yet have seen the documents. No one appeared on behalf of the Sharkeys. The matter was tabled until a request is received for placement on the agenda at a future meeting.

Agenda Item #9, Town Board Report: Dave Cole reported that:

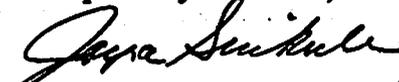
- A. The new assessor has experience with agriculture land, and also serves three other towns. His salary is \$9,000.
- B. Bill Roerk, citizen of the Town, will appear at an Ice Age Trail meeting, as a representative of the town.
- C. Dennis Bender requested a two-month extension on his contract, to Aug. 30, 1997. Costanza will do the follow-up work. The Town is receiving easements which should have been included in the original plan.
- D. The Planning Commission may legally hold Public Hearings, as indicated in new regulations.
- E. Recodified and Updated Columbia County Zoning Ordinances were distributed to the Commission members.
- F. Road work is nearly completed for the year in the Town, namely in Aleray and on Boehmer Road, which required more base than had been anticipated.
Owners on Theresa Lane have formalized a group (with a federal ID number) to deal with their road repair and any upgrading. They have spent \$11,000 for an initial improvement.
- G. Garden Bluff was approved.

Agenda Item #10: Town Parks and Recreational Planning. Tabled.

- Agenda Item #11, Next Meeting:**
- A. Vernon Richmond public hearing
 - B. Vernon Richmond variance
 - C. Devin Osborn public hearing
 - D. Devin Osborn variance
 - E. Town Parks & Recreational Planning

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM by Doug Richmond. Seconded by Roger Ballweg. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,


Joyce Sinkule

