

# TOWN OF WEST POINT

## Plan Commission Meeting

The Town of West Point Plan Commission met Thursday, Oct. 23, 1997 at 8:08 PM at the offices of Badger Swim pools on Golf Road. 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 Dick O'Connor. Planning Commission members present were Dave Cole, Cliff Lawton, Doug Richmond, Joyce Sinkule and Fritz Thistle.. Absent was Roger Ballweg and Fred Madison.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the Oct. 9th meeting was read and approved by Joyce Sinkule. Seconded By Doug Richmond.  
Vote: Yes 4 No 0

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### *Town of West Point - Eagles Perch Conservancy Project*

The second meeting held with the property owners and others concerned was attended by 30 people. Discussion centered on the list of acceptable activities for the area established at the meeting on July 24, 1997. There was debate as to where landowners property ends, at the waters edge or at some other established mark. With input from those present, the consensus was normal that high water level would be the line.

Mary Zickermann, a Land Agent with the D.N.R. spoke about options offered by the Dept. that allow conservation wardens to provide routine enforcement. The preferred method is direct D.N.R. purchase. The other is a long term lease to the Department. The area presently owned by the Department and some areas being negotiated were defined.

Parking along Yngsdal road was discussed. Residents expressed their concerns with litter, traffic congestions and the general rude behavior of those persons using the river bank. One resident felt strongly that parking should be prohibited.

Providing a parking area at the north east corner of Hwy 60 and Golf Road was briefly discussed. The possibility will be researched further.

There is a general feeling among the participants that progress is being made. Another meeting is set for 8:00 PM on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> 1998 at the offices of Badger Swim pools to continue the dialog.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM was made by Doug Richmond. Seconded by Dick O'Connor.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

Respectfully,



# **Town of West Point**

Oct. 13, 1997

To All Property Owners - Riverway

The Town of West Point Planning Commission would like to thank all of you for your input and interest in the area of the Township below the Dam along the east side of the Wisconsin River. Todd Halvorson with Columbia County is preparing a plat map over laying an aerial photograph to assist in identifying land ownership. A copy will be available to those interested.

Additionally we are inviting Mary Zickerman of the Wis. D.N.R. She will present options offered by the department to land owners. A representative of the Sauk Prairie Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Roxbury, The Lower Wisconsin Riverway, Snuffy's Campsites and the V.F.W will also be present.

Please join us on Oct. 23, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. in the conference room at Badger Swim pools Inc., N789 Golf Road to continue working toward our common goals.

Enclosed is a brief summary of the points of interest that we discussed at our meeting on July 24, 1997.

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On July 24<sup>th</sup> the Town of West Point Planning commission dedicated it's regular meeting to issues concerning the area of the Wis. River from the Country club south to the County line and west of Golf road and Hwy 188. Invited to that meeting were the property owners within that area to discuss the activities currently taking place along the river. With the exception of the Department of Transportation right away, the remainder of the property is privately owned.

Various property owners spoke to their concerns of a general lack of regard if not contempt for the property owners. There has been in the past a group of people camped within the area who were engaged in unlawful activities. Actions by law enforcement officials has lessened their impact. There is a genuine concern among the property owners that some of the people and activities presents a threat to their safety. Other comments listed many occasions of owners being challenged by trespassers. The censuses of the property owners was that more control needed to be taken of the entire area.

As it now stands, enforcement within the normal high water line along the river bank is the responsibility of the Dept. Of Natural Resources and administered by local Conservation Wardens. Without a complaint from the landowner or the presents of an illegal activity, no routine enforcement is being practiced.

Listed are a number activities taking place within the area described and the general feeling of the property owners and other meeting attendees as to their acceptability:

- Trespassing - Should be limited to walking only.
- Vehicles - None allowed (see snowmobiles).
- Litter - What goes in must come out.
- Camping - None
- Snowmobiles - On developed trails only.
- Fireworks - With proper permits and permission only.
- Day trails &  
dat activities - With restrictions yet to be determined.
- Off road parking - Develop, maintain and restrict parking to designated area(s).
- Parking on Yngsdal Rd. - Limited to small area and time of day.
- Camp fires - Very restricted.
- Tree cutting - None
- Hunting - Opinion varies from no hunting to limited hunting.
- Possible lease from property owners by DNR/Town of West Point - To be discussed further.