

TOWN OF WEST POINT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MAY 11, 2000

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the meeting of the Town of West Point Planning Commission was convened at the Town Hall on May 11, 2000, at 8:08 PM. The meeting was posted in three places. The meeting was called to order by Fred Madison. Planning Commission members present were Gordon Carncross, Cliff Lawton, Fred Madison, Doug Richmond and Joyce Sinkule. Also present was Town Board Member, Alan Treinen, Town Chairman, Fritz Thistle, Attorney, Jeff Clark and Engineer, Joe Constanza.

Agenda Item 2: Approve Minutes: Gordon Carncross made a motion to approve the minutes of April 27, 2000, seconded by Cliff Lawton. Motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item #3: Old Business: Joyce Sinkule noted that she had checked on the old copies of survey maps and where they would be located. A copy should be in the Columbia County Courthouse and Richard Marks has a copy. Alan Treinen updated the Commission members regarding the recent Town Board Meeting. Alan also noted that the No Lake Access sign was missing from Padley Road. Vehicles with boats turn down Padley Road thinking they can gain lake access and then back out.

Agenda Item #4: Correspondence: Two items of correspondence were presented. They are letters from Mike Stapleton of Columbia County Planning and Zoning regarding the Tim Ryan property and the proposed land division for Benish.

Agenda Item #5: Discussion - Guidelines for Variances: Fritz Thistle started the discussion by noting that he realized the Commission was struggling with variance requests and that no procedure is outlined. Attorney, Jeff Clark then presented information regarding variances and the most recent court cases. Jeff indicated that the County variance form outlines all the points that the petitioner must prove in order to be granted a variance. A copy will be obtained in order to use as a guideline.

Agenda Item #6: Richard Chandler - Variance for Screened in Porch (Trails End): It was noted that this request had been turned down at the April 27, 2000, meeting. The Town Board had tabled until further discussion on variances was held at the Commission level. This request will be brought back at the May 25, 2000, meeting.

Agenda Item #7: Utility District: Discussion centered on the reason why Mr. Lenerz is being denied additional sewer expansion. Joe Constanza will check further on why the additional permit is being denied. Attorney Clark led discussion on whether the Commission should recommend a Utility District or a Sanitary District. The Commission is concerned about there being two governing groups and not being able to work together. Attorney Clark noted that a Utility District could be set up in a short period of time and would have authority over an existing

Planning Commission

Page 2

May 11, 2000

Sanitary District. A Sanitary District would take longer and would have legal, engineering and financing costs that have not been budgeted for. After further discussion, the Commission will wait for Board guidance as to whether they should continue to research a Utility District or a Sanitary District.

Agenda Item #8: Smart Growth Information Copies of information from the April 18, 2000 meeting will be available at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Next Meeting Agenda (May 25, 2000): David Mitchell public hearing and variance request, Richard Chandler variance request, Utility District and Smart Growth information.

Agenda Item #10: Adjourn Meeting. Motion to adjourn by Joyce Sinkule, seconded by Doug Richmond. Motion approved 5-0 at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Richmond

Sharon Richmond

Deputy Clerk