

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Point town hall. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise and the Sauk Prairie Star and posted in three places.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The town board members present were: Fred Thistle-Chairperson, Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor, Doug Richmond-2nd Supervisor, Bill Niemi-3rd Supervisor and Torrey Latham-4th Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer.

The minutes from the August 8th, 2002 meeting had been given to each of the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the minutes, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$162,904.97, Park Fund as \$101,645.32, and Tree Fund \$17,615.21. The treasurer stated that she and the town clerk have balanced their books for August. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Torrey Latham– motion carried.

Correspondence – Letter for UW Extension on Budget, Letter from Governor Scott McCallum on Shared Revenues, Newsletter from Lake Tides, Letter from Family Resource Center, Crossroads newsletter, Columbia County Highway Meeting – discussed climbing at Gibraltar Rock, Lodi Fire Commission Minutes, Letter from UW Extension on Teleconference Series on Current Issues Affecting Local Government Officials, Letter from WI. Department of Transportation that they do not object of HD Enterprises CSM, Columbia County Ag Reporter, WI. Department of Administration on being on a mailing list for State Used Vehicle Sales, Letter from Attorney Jeff Clark on Building Permit Violation, 2002 Planner Book Service Catalog, Resolution 36-02 from Columbia County on construction of two additional salt storage facilities, Letter from MEI to Mitchell Greimel on Building Permit Violation, Letter from MEI on Final Inspection - Public Improvements - Selwood Farm with a list of items that require additional attention, Letter from Charter Communication of Free

Preview Weekend on Channel 2 also a change in address for the corporate office, A copy of proposed amendments to County Ordinances (Title 16, Chapters 1 and 5), Sam's Club letter of a one day pass, Letter from Michael Blaska on \$3 million in Comprehensive Planning Grants for Fiscal Year 2003, Letter from MEI on Tragos CSM, Wickline CSM, and Wruck CSM, The Wisconsin Taxpayer magazine, A County Equalization Report – West Point 2002 Equalized Value is 182,262,300 (2001 was 172,526,200), Franchise Fee was received for \$1,249.26, Survey for United State Department of Commerce – mailed 8/16/02, Survey on Planning from Columbia County Planning and Zoning Department – mailed 8/16/02, Letter from Tim Beerkircher on permission to use grounds at Lake WI. Country Club – and a copy of Insurance, Letter from US Cellular, Letter from Columbia County Economic Development, Letter from Wisconsin Department of Administration on 2002 preliminary estimate on population is 1,672 (approximately 1,271 of the estimated population is of voting age), Letter from Wisconsin Towns on Land Use Seminar, Letter on Special Assessments and Special Charges on the tax roll the county will discontinue the practice of settling in full – beginning 2002, and a Letter from Columbia County FSA on meetings concerning DCP.

A copy of the bills had been given to each town board member. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

Under non-agenda topics – Kevin Kessler who lives on Trails End came before the town board with the following requests: 1. No additional lots, 2. Stop the proposed drainage ditch, 3. Additional Storm Sewer Needed, 4. Protect the public access and ^{NS} boat ramp, 5. Protect Water Quality, and 6. Inform and Listen to the Trails End Drive Homeowners. Mike and Della Ryan asked the town board about deed restrict part of the farm and ^{transfer Development rights} rezoning land by Rausch Lane, Rausch Road and Lake Drive. ^{(eastern) Road farm}

Planning Commission Report was given by Doug Richmond a follows: Aug 15th – public hearing for Jeff Wickline 4 lots, public hearing for Randy Wruck and Clifford Schweppe on 2 lots CSM (7 acres), Tom Bannon Plat – question on cul du sac mail boxes and snow, September 5th – Randy Wruck and Clifford Schweppe changed design of driveway to Steckleberg Road; Kristin Kevern is asking for a Conditional Use Permit as they tore down 2 cottages and have 1 single family house – Robert Daehling came before the Planning Commission on behalf of Mike & Flo Smith to

request a change to Shoreline/Wetland Protection Ordinance pertaining to 4 lots in Pleasant View Park – Mr. Daehling was directed to make a request for a variance.

Town Hall Committee will meet on September 18, 2002.

There is no Park Committee report.

Chairman Fred Thistle gave the following report on Crystal Lake Water Levels – the committee (Jeff Melville, Joe Costanza, Robert Pings and Fred Thistle) has signed a contract with Meade & Hunt for the First Phase. They need a Lake District.

Chairman Fred Thistle met with Joe Costanza on having Smith Park and Trails End put out on Bids. The TRIP funds are for 2 years so until the road between Smith Park and Trails End has been resolved we will wait until 2003 to do Smith Park and Trails End. That has freed up \$75,000.00 of the road budget – Chairman Fred Thistle stated that the following roads could be done: Hillcrest - \$33,500.00, Slack - \$46,000.00 and Morter - \$29,400. After discussion a motion was made by Bill Niemi to carry over the road budget of \$75,000.00, as it is getting to late in the year, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion was carried.

Attorney Jeff Clark gave the following report on Blackhawk Drive Public Access – need 10 days of action to abandon any lake access – the exchange should be equal lake frontage – Jim Grothman has surveyed and will calculate equal property including lake frontage – ^{what part of cost} ~~the cost of cost~~ – would homeowners pay part. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to have a special meeting with landowners on cost etc., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Town Park for Selwood was tabled until October.

The fence ordinance was deleted.

The Humane Officer for the Town of West Point was brought up for discussion. Kathy Edward is interested in the job. A contract needs to be drawn up which will include a retainer per month. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to have Attorney Jeff Clark draw up a Humane Officer Ordinance, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Having stop signs put up in Selwood was presented to the town board – there was no one present from Selwood. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to leave the signs as is, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

Reducing Speed Limit on Barta Road was presented to the town board for their consideration. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to leave the speed on Barta Road at 55 mph, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

The new culvert on Reynolds Road has been installed and looks very good. This culvert will get Bridge Aid. 4th Supervisor Torrey Latham stated that there would be grass planted.

The town clerk proposed ~~purchasing~~^{leasing} a postage machine from Pitney and Bowes at a cost of \$16.99 per month. The machine will be portable with a weight scale. Both the town treasurer and the town clerk thought it would be a good idea. After discussion a motion was made by Doug Richmond to purchase the postage machine form Pitney and Bowes, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

The CSM for Clifford Schweppe/Randy Wruck was presented to the town board for their consideration. It is a 2 lot CSM with 1 lot access off Golf Road the other lot off Steckleberg. The planning commission has approved the CSM with payment of the Park Fees. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the CSM for Clifford Schweppe/Randy Wruck upon payment of \$1500.00 park fees, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

The road between Trails End and Smith Park has never been dedicated and was brought up to the town board for their consideration. Attorney Jeff Clark has talked to Attorney Chris Hugheys (Roark's Attorney) about this section of road. It has been a public road for 10 years so it would be a town road by user – the question is it a 66 foot right a way. Town Engineer Joe Costanza has designed plans for the resurfacing of the road that would affect some trees. TRIP funds will be used for this section of road. The Roark's were present and had some concerns (on the width) and the trees/pond that might be affected by the resurfacing of the road and were told to contact Joe Costanza for a copy of the plans. The Roark's and Attorney Clark to work on an agreement for the town on the width of the easement, which will save trees and pond. Jim Grothman will do certified

markings down the center line of the existing blacktop to see if there are trees in the right a way, and provide a description of the centerline, the town attorney and town engineer will work with the landowners.

There was a question if the transfer site would take Deer carcass, Columbia County will take them if killed in county. The town clerk had contacted Green Valley – they are working with DNR but no decision has been made.

The town budget meeting was set on Thursday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the town clerks home. On the town budget committee is Fred Thistle and Bill Niemi.

The transfer site pasture lease was brought up to the town board as a possible town hall being build at the transfer site. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to have Attorney Jeff Clark write a letter to Mr. James Zeman on the ^{purpose of} termination of the pasture contract and to have a new fence put up on town property line, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

The town clerk brought up the cleaning of the town hall. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to clean the town hall at the Board of Review, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Dean Schwarz a resident of Rausch Lane presented the town board with a list of 9 residents with concerns on the new tax appraisals and reflection they have on their tax burden. 1. They stated that they have no road services, repair, plowing or grading. 2. They have no water, sewer, gas or utilities. 3. No children in Schools and 4. Majority of residents are retired and part-time residents.

The town board was asked to a send a letter of support of the Ice Age Trail going through the Rita Clark Mills property, which is on the Governor desk for his signature. There is no cost to the Town of West Point. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to send a letter of support to the Governor and also to fax a letter to the Governor, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

There has been a complaint by Mr. Hoekman on dogs running a large on Lake Drive. A woman walking has 2 dogs running at large. After

discussion 3rd Supervisor Bill Niemi will talk to the neighbor on having her dogs under control.

Bob Daehling – Pleasant View Park was deleted.

October 30, 2002 was set for a meeting date for budgets for the Lodi Ambulance District and the Lodi Fire District at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodi Fire District building.

A letter was received from James Klingbeil asking about the requirements for a town road. The letter was given to Attorney Jeff Clark to answer.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.


Edith Eberle,
Town Clerk

Before the West Point Town Board
September 12, 2002

Trails End Dr. Homeowners' Concerns
Presented by Kevin Kessler
N 2326 Trails End Dr.

The Issue:

Lot 25 of the Crossland Plat, Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, is the center of the circle created by Trails End Drive. There were 25 lots created when the Crossland Plat subdivision (Trails End Drive) was approved in the 1960s. The center lot, Lot 25, was one of the lots created and approved. Lot's in this center area of Trails End Drive are now for sale even though the creation of the lots has not been approved by the Town of West Point. At some point in the near future, it is expected that the developer will request the Town Board to approve the subdivision of Lot 25 into four lots. Homeowners on Trails End Drive are concerned about this proposal.

Our Concerns:

- **No additional lots. Keep our privacy and neighborhood character.** It's proposed to subdivide Lot 25 of the Crossland Plat (the center area of Trails End Dr.) into 4 lots. Lot 25 is already a platted lot in a platted subdivision. The subdivision was platted with Lot 25 this way to provide privacy to the residents. We acknowledge that one house can be built, but we don't want the proposed additional lots destroying our privacy. The question of whether Lot 25 should be one lot or four lots was resolved when the subdivision was originally platted. The Town Board can and should deny the request to further subdivide this existing platted lot.
- **Stop the Proposed Drainage Ditch.** The current "preliminary" plan proposes a 10 ft. wide drainage easement around the entire inside perimeter of Trails End Drive. We are opposed to a drainage ditch that would hold water, breed mosquitoes (with the associated concerns about West Nile virus and encephalitis). In addition, there is a poorly designed "proposed settling area" across from the public access outlot that would have the same problems. The current proposal does not provide adequate drainage from the proposed lots and would create an eyesore and a public nuisance. We don't want drainage ditch problems like we already see on Highway 188. The area directly across from existing Lots 5, 6 and 7 is particularly a problem (see next bullet).
- **Additional Storm Sewer Needed.** The current plan would remove the existing culvert across from Lot 7 (Bader) and add a new culvert and storm sewer in the public access outlot between Lot 4 (Commings) and Lot 5 (Murray). We believe that if development were to occur, it's appropriate to remove the existing culvert which drains (without an easement) onto Lot 7 (Bader) and could cause further drainage problems on Lot 6 (Kessler). We also acknowledge that a storm sewer can be installed on the public access outlot. However, there would have to either be a very deep drainage ditch across from Lots 5, 6 and 7, or the water wouldn't be conveyed to the new culvert. As indicted earlier, we are opposed to problem drainage ditches

of this type. A new catch basin near the existing culvert and an underground storm sewer from that location to the new culvert would be necessary.

- **Protect the Public Access and No Boat Ramp.** Currently the public access outlot provides public access to the lake but has numerous trees. If a storm sewer were installed, as many trees as possible should be preserved. In addition, although a boat ramp isn't presently proposed, residents are concerned that the development of the proposed lots could bring future requests for such a facility. There is no room for public parking on Trails End Dr. and there's already a large county boat ramp nearby. A boat ramp should never be constructed at this location.
- **Protect Water Quality.** Residents are concerned about protecting water quality in Lake Wisconsin both during the construction phase of any development as well as in the long term. There are new federal stormwater regulations that will require a permit beginning on March 10, 2003 for land disturbance activities that affect one acre or more. The present requirements are for parcels of 5 acres or more. The Town of West Point shouldn't consider the proposed development until the federal requirements have become effective and the required permit has been obtained.
- **Inform and Listen to the Trails End Drive Homeowners.** Homeowners on Trails End Drive are largely unaware of and confused by the proposed development. Thus far, the Town Board has been presented with only a "preliminary" drainage plan. There needs to be a meeting scheduled for the developer to make a presentation to Trails End Drive homeowners and for homeowners to have an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.

Recommendations.

1. **Deny the request.** The Town Board has not yet been asked to act on the proposed development. When this issue is brought to the Board, we believe the request to further subdivide Lot 25 should be denied because it is already a platted lot in a platted subdivision. This issue was already dealt with in the original Crossland Plat Subdivision. To further divide Lot 25 would be contrary to the intent of the original plat to provide a high degree of privacy for the other existing lots.
2. **Require adequate storm sewers without an unsightly mosquito-infested ditch.** If a development were approved, the existing culvert across from Lot 7 (Bader) should be removed as proposed. Adequate drainage should be provided. The proposed ditch would be too flat to drain the water and would be an eyesore. It should be eliminated. In any case, a storm sewer should be required from the low spot at the location of the present culvert to the proposed new culvert.
3. **Schedule a public meeting and keep homeowners informed.** The developer should meet with the Trails End Drive homeowners when a revised plan has been prepared to present the information, respond to questions and consider comments. Trails End Drive homeowners should be individually informed of any pending Town Board action similar to the process for a zoning change.
4. **Don't act too soon.** Water quality needs to be protected. The Board shouldn't consider this issue until after the new federal regulations for this size of development become effective in March. The developer's request to the Board at that time should include a copy of the approved stormwater permit.
5. **Don't develop a future public boat ramp on Trails End Dr.** There's no room for parking and no need for a future boat ramp in the public access outlot on Trails End Drive.

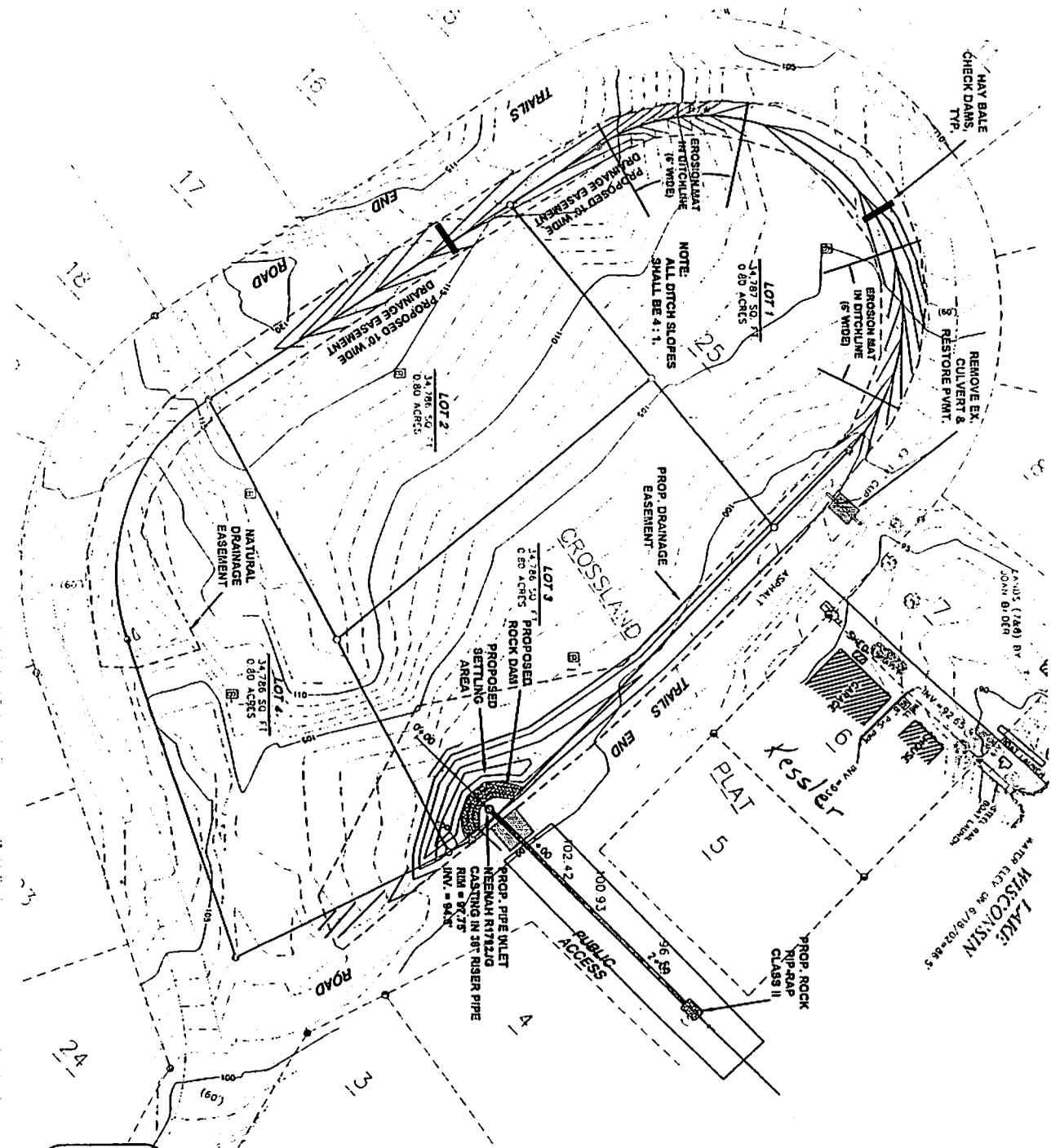
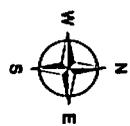


FIGURE 1
PROPOSED DRAINAGE PLAN
 BASED ON SITE PLAN BY GROTHMAN & ASSOCIATES



GENERAL ENGINEERING COMPANY
 412 E. Siler Street
 P O Box 340
 Portage, WI 53901
 608-742-2169
 608-742-2592 Fax
 gee@generalengineering.net
 DATE: AUGUST 2007
 DEC JOB # 1000-107

West Point Town Board

We the residents of Rausch Lane; would like to express our concerns on the new tax appraisals for year 2003, and what reflections they have for our tax burden.

We currently have no road services, repair, plowing or grading. We have no water, sewer, gas or utilities.

We have no and have never had children in the Sauk Prairie or Lodi School Districts.

The majority of us are retired and are part-time residents.

We the undersigned hope the Board takes all these points into consideration.

Print Name	Signature	Address	Phone Number
1. DEAN SCHWARTZ	<i>Dean Schwartz</i>	W-13628	643-2480
2. G. Mark Ganger	<i>G. Mark Ganger</i>	W 13618	849-8766
3. Dian Boesen	<i>Dian Boesen</i>	W13632	630-773-1948
* 4. Fern Kittlesen	<i>Fern Kittlesen</i>	W 13670	815/399-2047
* 5. Fern Post	<i>Fern Post</i>	W 13676	608/437-3168
* 6. John Heidenreich	<i>JOHN HEIDENREICH</i>	W 13620	847/697-8109
* 7. Gordon & Rosalee Budde	<i>Gordon & Rosalee Budde</i>	1796 Hill Top Dr W 13682	608/222-5447
8. Fern Kittlesen	<i>Fern Kittlesen</i>		202-553-2447
9. Fern Post	<i>Fern Post</i>	1364 RAUSCH LANE	608-643-0144
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The Covered Tax Payers of Rausch Lane

Name	address	telephone	Zip Number
Rogene & Eldon La Budde	1936 Valley View Drive Freeport IL	815-232 5489	W 13682
Fern Post	307 Green St Mount Horeb, Wi	608-437-3168	W 13676
Fern Kittlesen	7024 Montmorency Dr. Rockford, IL	815- 399-2047	W 13670
* Kimi Reinecke	2356 Sugar River Rd Verona, Wi	608-845-3497	W 13664
Claire Velvikiš	3417-13 th St. Kenosha, Wi 53144	(262) 553-2442	W 13656
Sally + Jeff Wagner Steward Nott	4341 Rolling Hills Freeport, IL 61032	815-233-6231	W 13694
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