

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission Meeting
Monday March 7, 2022

Members Present: Chairman Brian Conley, Sandee Pease, Stanley Dzikonski, and Mary Brill.

Absent: Sandy Waletzko sent comments to BC

Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 by BC. The meeting was posted and a quorum was present making the meeting legal.

New Business:

1. Conditional Use Permit for Jane Alexson/Mike Krause – Home Occupation Assembly Hall 6269 E Rice Farm Road.

BC pointed out that this property is zoned A1 and a conditional use permit is allowed in this zone. After discussion of the property layout, the driveway location, and impact to the area, MB made a motion to approve the permit and SD seconded it. The motion passed by a voice vote.

2. Survey results and input.

MB compiled the comments from the survey done for the Comprehensive Plan update. The committee noted that some of the main concerns were broad band internet availability, no increase in real-estate taxes and no additional regulations on property owners. MB suggested putting a fourth column in the survey results to direct people to the websites for items that are not the towns responsibility. The committee agreed to the additional column. She also noted that i-plan.gov is a site that will show a land owner what the consequences are for different uses of their property.

3. WTA Recommendations

This was a discussion of grants available to the township. MB mentioned grants for the fire department for EMS money. It was available for increased staffing, medical equipment and supplies etc. BC said sometimes the grants for roads require a large portion to be paid by the township. The infrastructure grants were often for bridges and the town roads do not have any that qualify. BC and MB will check with the fire department and board on grants that are being considered. BC said there is an update describing the grants available at Badger Bounce back Update #23.

4. Short Term Rental Ordinance options

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection regulate any short term rentals that are operated for more than 10 nights per year. The operator is required to obtain a license from WI DATCP. A local license must also be obtained if a local ordinance is in place requiring them. They will check for building safety issues and other health concerns. Owners must collect a room tax and forward it to the municipality if a local room tax ordinance is in place. BC was not aware of any complaints concerning short term rentals in the Town of Oakland.

5. Comprehensive plan update.

If you have any comments for the survey results to be added in a fourth column let MB know and she will add them.

6. Website updates and committee updates.

BC asked for any corrections or additions to the Land use website. MB thought it looked good and suggested that link to the i-plan.gov site be checked out to be added.

The next meeting is set for April 11 at 2:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:45 by MB and seconded by SD. It passed by a voice vote.