

Town of Oakland  
Plan Commission meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2024

Members Present: Chairman Brian Conley, Mary Brill, Sandee Pease, and Sandy Waletzko. Stanley Dzikonski was absent.

Called to order at 2:30 p.m. by BC. The meeting was posted and a quorum was present making the meeting legal. Minutes of meeting on February 12, 2024, were reviewed. SP and SW asked for explanation of statement from minutes: "What is illegal is to have wake enhancing equipment on the boat, on the lakes that prohibit enhanced wakes". MB explained that language is used so as not to prohibit any boat, but to prohibit wake enhancing equipment on any boat. No further questions on minutes so motion to accept minutes made by MB, seconded by SP, and passed on a voice vote.

**Correspondence:** BC announced that he had received an email saying the scheduled county zoning informational meeting was cancelled due to lack of registrations.

**Review of existing ordinances:** SW said she had looked at some old ordinances on the land use website. She asked if the table of contents listing of ordinances could have adoption date in the heading to help quickly identify when the ordinance was adopted. BC will add the adopted dates to the listings for each ordinance. For the Driveway Permit Ordinance SW noted the omission of signatures to authorize adoption. Committee members will look into getting that information. There was further discussion by members about procedures to follow for making revisions to ordinances. Issue will be researched further. SW next asked about the ATV/UTV ordinance and if the side-by-side machines needed to be added. BC said the UTV designation also covers those machines so no changes to the language was necessary.

**Old Business:**

**Review wake enhancement ordinance and DNR input:** MB explained the letter received from DNR Recreation Warden Madeleine Johansen concerning condition report for wake enhancement ordinance as required under Sec. 30.77, Wis. Stats. Johansen listed actions and concerns the town should consider but did say that the town's proposed ordinance to be found "in compliance with Chapter 30, Wis. Stats. with regard to public health, safety or welfare". MB felt the concerns expressed were more standard issue statements and she felt the town should proceed with the ordinance. Motion by MB, second by SW, to move forward with wake enhancement ordinance and forward remaining required DNR paperwork - a copy of ordinance with town's ordinance number on it. Motion carried by voice vote. MB will follow-up with DNR on the matter. She covered the regulations for posting signs at boat landings in the town. BC said that Lyman Lake has three landings and Dowling Lake has one. MB will get wording and outline of letter size to BC to get signs made.

**Olson Property Improvement Plan:** BC reported the town board has been in communication with Steve and Anita Olson concerning their landscape changes. He said the Olsons had received a grant from Douglas County for the project. Members discussed the grant conditions probably would cover any water diversion issues. After the work is completed the work will be reviewed by the town for any concerns.

**Parr Road Update:** BC and MB had both visited the Lyman Lake access point at the end of Parr Road. They took pictures showing the addition of items placed on the access presumably by the Miller family that claims ownership of the land. BC said the town plowed snow there and had to back up all the way along Parr Road as they could not turn around. The issue of ownership is on going. The Millers had hired attorney Steve Olson. He sent letter and documentation of a Quit Claim deed from Melodie Ross to the Millers claiming proof of ownership. BC believed the lake access land still belongs to the town according to state statues on public access property. The town board wants the matter settled and had sent a letter to the attorney and had made attempts to talk to him by phone and in person. They have

not received any response. SP said actions should center on property rights dispute. Members considered options moving forward before the town would need to hire an attorney. MB will draft questions for BC to ask WTA on the issue.

**New Business:** SW mentioned some information presented in recent WTA newsletters. In January funds were listed for improvement of agriculture roads, including timber/pulp roads. BC said those funds would not work for the town because then the town could not post load limits if they received those funds. Also in January the WTA covered public records access policy. The February newsletter covered Record Retention Policies and compliance with public record law. Information was given on how towns could set up a record retention schedule. Members were to review those topics.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting for the plan commission was set for May 13th at 2:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by MB, seconded by SP, and passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Recorded by SW