

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission meeting
Monday, May 3, 2021

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

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 April 21, were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes by MB, seconded by SD and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence: BC reported receiving letter concerning possibility of a request from the Bluff Creek Trails Association to have the Town of Oakland take over roads within the subdivision. He had sent an email to the commission members with copy of the letter and related information about the matter. The issue is on the agenda for the town board's meeting May 11. BC noted that the town could get transportation aids for the approximately mile and a half. MB stated the public benefit needs to be considered. SP questioned if the roads would be high maintenance given their location and current conditions. BC noted the area was not affected during the 2018 heavy rain event where roads were impacted. SW asked about suitability of roads for emergency services. SD stated he believed there would not be a problem for the fire department to provide services to the area. MB will look to get a copy of the signed convenance and plat. Matter tabled until issue is brought to the town board.

Zoning Action/Conditional Use Permits: none

Work on Comprehensive 10 year Policy Plan: SP summarized comprehensive plan surveys she had briefly reviewed. To date 31 had been returned. Respondents were largely over 60 and wanted to keep town's rural character and still promote tourism. She noted that many surveys had written comments. Some complaints expressed on poor road conditions. SW pointed out the survey came out in the spring when roads are the most difficult to maintain. Members will compile full results after survey deadline date on June 1.

Members reviewed the Utilities and Community Facilities portion of the policy plan going through it line by line. Discussion topics included the new town hall/office and it's future needs; adjusting to climate changes and "green" energy needs and options; holding utilities responsible for their work (BC reminded us we have a Utility Ordinance); poor internet and cellular coverage in southern part of township; and changes at Anna Gene Park. MB recorded changes that were made through group consensus and will be on the proposed document draft. Members began work on the Needs Assessment Table 2 that is included in the plan. Work will continue on the table at the next commission meeting.

Land-use web page: BC reported adding a link to the county's GIS Web Mapping Service on the land use web page. He had received that request from Bob Beam and agreed that it was a good addition to the web page.

Next Plan Meeting:

The next plan commission meeting set for Monday, May 17th and 2:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by SP seconded by SD and passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Recorded by SW

