

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission meeting
Monday, June 12, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Brian Conley, Mary Brill, Sandee Pease, Sandy Waletzko 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 May 9 were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes by MB, seconded by SP, and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence: BC reported that there were no current zoning applications for residents in the town. He was contacted today by Kim Nygaard from the Amnicon - Dowling Lake management District concerning an issue with the use of wake boats and the possible damage to the lakes in the district. She was inquiring about any ordinance that could be written to cover their usage. BC said they are high speed boats with a ballast system that are used for wakeboarding or wakesurfing. Members wondered who had jurisdiction for the matter. BC said he had placed a call to the Wisconsin Towns Association for any information, but did not receive a response back yet. MB said she would contact the DNR about regulations they had that may apply. The topic was tabled until further information could be obtained.

Town Owned Access Ordinance: SP explained the changes she had made on the draft of the lake access ordinance. Members reviewed the document. MB suggested that the word "locations" used in the title needed to be consistent throughout. In Section 1 the word "points" will be replaced by the word "locations". No other changes were made to the draft. Motion by MB, seconded by SD, to submit the Town Owned Access Locations Ordinance to the town board for their approval. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Short-term Rentals: SW outlined the action by the City of Superior on a short-term rental license. They approved the establishment of the license (June 2022) to ensure the city was receiving all the room taxes and that rentals were up to code. When they started to develop the license application they discovered that municipalities do not have state authority to inspect properties. Since licensing of the short-term rentals is handled by the county as an agent of the state, the license would be redundant. The county board voted to repeal the license at their May 2023 meeting. SW stated that the companies that operate (VRBO and Airbnb) the rentals are responsible for collecting taxes and sending them to the city. She wondered what kind of documentation backed up their payments. SD provided members copy of the Short-term rental requirement for the Town of Delta in Bayfield County. After further discussion on the matter, it was agreed by all members that a Short-Term Rental Ordinance was not needed in the town. If issues come up with rentals they will be referred to the county.

Parr Road Status: MB thought the town board at their last meeting decided not to proceed with any action at this time and they believe the town owns the road. Review of board minutes from April 11, 2023 showed that the board felt the "burden of proof rests on Ms. Miller to prove ownership of the road". BC stated that according to zoning descriptions, the town owns the road in question. A sign saying "Private Property No Access" posted was discussed. Members felt the sign needed to be removed. MB will draft a notice for MS. Miller to be given to the town board for their consideration.

Ordinance for the creation of the Plan Commission: A search of town records did not produce a copy of an ordinance that was written for the creation of the plan commission in 2010. MB drafted a replacement ordinance which included description of the commission members and their terms of service. Members reviewed the document and MB made a motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by SW and passed on a voice vote. It will be presented to the town board for their approval.

Website Updates and Member input: SW noted that the recruitment for the plan commission posted on the website was well done. BC said he used the notice from the town's website which was posted by the town clerk. BC said someone had expressed an interest but would not be able to make meetings during the day. Current members liked the meetings on the second Monday at 2:30, but change in the commission membership would mean a review of the meeting day and time.

Next Meeting: The next meeting, if needed, will be on July 10, at 2:30 pm. Otherwise, the next meeting would be August 8, at 2:30 pm.

Adjournment: Motion by MB, second by SD, to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote and meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Recorded by SW