

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission meeting
Monday, June 13, 2022

Members Present: Chairman Brian Conley, Mary Brill, Sandy Waletzko, Sandee Pease 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 11 were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes by MB seconded by SP, and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence: BC reported being contacted by Greg Dolsen to inquire about having some of his property rezoned from forestry to agriculture. Discussion centered on when and if it had been changed to forestry. BC noted that mapping shows the area is largely a field. SD commented that animals had been on the property consistently over the years. No formal request had been filed with the Zoning Office so the matter was tabled but would be brought up for discussion at the town board meeting set for the next day.

BC received a call from a person interested in purchasing 40 acres at 8648 S. Lyman Lake Road inquiring about using property for campground use, but only two times a year. Douglas County recently revised ordinances covering campgrounds which would need to be followed. No action on matter was taken.

Comprehensive Plan Survey: MB reported that the survey summary was ready to be presented to the town board. SP suggested some changes to improve how the summary reads. BC will make layout changes and will post survey on Land Use Website. Motion by SW, seconded by SP, to accept revised survey summary and present the report to the town board. Motion carried on voice vote.

Musch Cervid Operation: MB described receiving a call from Pete Fornengo about the Musch deer farm fence compromised by a tree landing on the fence. She asked Pete to contact Zoning Administrator, Tessah Behlings, as per the county regulations, to report the damage. He also contacted the Musch family and the fence was repaired. That information was given to Tessah Behlings. MB presented copy of letter to be sent to neighbors concerning the matter and asking them to help monitor the fence in the future.

Rescinding Old Resolutions: BC informed the committee he had contacted Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) legal counsel concerning a 2009 Dust Control Resolution covering David Hansen's pit operation. The town adopted a Non-metallic Mine Ordinance in 2013 which covered dust control which raised the question of the necessity for the 2009 resolution. BC was informed the resolution could be rescinded through the adoption of a resolution on the matter. MB moved to recommend that the town board rescind the 2009 Dust Control Resolution. SD seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote. BC will prepare a resolution to that effect.

Zoning Webinars/ Ordinance Updates: Members discussed information received from the recent zoning webinars. MB passed out information on guiding principles for granting a variance. It was agreed to prepare a form the plan commission could use when making decisions on variance requests. MB will take sample variance decision form from Washburn County and prepare one for our town. The need to have clear purpose statements in each town ordinance was stressed by the webinar presenters. BC will go through ordinances to identify any that may need to be updated.

Comprehensive Plan: No communication from the Northwest Regional Plan Commission on compiling the town's new plan. MB said she had talked to Dan Corbin, secretary of the Douglas County WTA unit, about getting some guidance on preparing land maps. Townships seem to be struggling with making updates. She will look for a sample land map format that she recalled from zoning webinars.

Next Plan Meeting: Next meeting set for July 11, 2022.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by SP, seconded by MB, and passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Recorded by: SW