

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission meeting
Monday, June 7, 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 May 17, were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes by MB, seconded by SP, and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence/Communications: BC reported on the Douglas County Wisconsin Towns Association meeting. SP asked if they addressed a sign ordinance that was previously proposed. BC said that there was no discussion on that ordinance. He noted that a change to the campground zoning was to be made to eliminate the private campground permit and just have only the existing campground permit. A county committee continues to work on setting up a A2 zone to cover Cervids (deer farms). The POWTS (Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System) maintenance implementation deadline is now enforced county wide which requires inspection every three years.

MB had talked to Jane Anklam from Douglas County Extension, about the efforts to recycle large plastic hay bags. Not many farmers appear to be interested in the program and there is concerns over burning the bags. There are efforts to create system to make it easier for farmers.

Work on Comprehensive 10 year Plan:

Commission members continued work on revisions to the Town of Oakland Policy Plan for the Comprehensive Plan Update. MB reported she had contacted the county forestry department about any land conservancy designations for county forest land in the township. There are none so the two private property conservancy sites will be the only ones included on our land use map. She reminded members of the email she sent with link to the draft of the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan. SP inquired about the status of the draft for Douglas County. MB responded that she thought the existing draft was to be the final draft. SP noted that she saw several errors in the draft concerning our township and would check on how to make changes. MB will contact Jason Laumann from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission about changes in the town's plan and expected costs involved. BC reminded members that the costs would need to be included in the town's next budget.

Members reviewed the town's Economic Development portion of the plan. Changes centered on adding infrastructure barriers and permitting difficulties to town weaknesses; having home-based industries consistent with zoning; and the possible regulation of short-term rentals. SW will check on laws concerning short-term rentals.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation portion was covered with few changes. A new goal was added to help the volunteer fire department work with other townships to attract volunteers and improve benefits.

MB will take plan surveys and compile the results. SP stated we still need to get the census data and the changes may be needed after we get the survey results.

Land-use web page: BC had sent email to town clerk with list of ordinances that the plan commission wants for the web page. He requested the ordinances should be in their original format for historical purposes. With changes in clerks over the years and the move to the new town hall, some records may be difficult to find.

Next Plan Meeting:

The next plan commission meeting set for July 12, at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

Recorded by SW