

PLAN COMMISSION

Minutes

January 7, 2016

Mohar called the Plan Commission meeting to order, noted compliance with the open meeting law.

Present: Luebke, Kowalke, Mohar, Barnett

Absent: Larson, Wetak, Bauman

Also present: Atty Mark Steichen, K. Goerks, C. Narveson, Gregg Borucki, R. Gardner, R. Siebecker

Pledge of Allegiance

Adopt the Agenda: Motion by Barnett, second by Luebke to adopt the Agenda. Carried.

Adopt the minutes of the previous meeting: Motion by Kowalke, second by Luebke to adopt the December minutes. Carried.

Public Hearing: Mohar announced that this is the time and place for the purpose of giving an opportunity to any interested person to be heard in regard to the adoption of the purposed comprehensive revision of Chapter 18 – Subdivision and plotting of the Village code. There were no comments. Mohar declared the Public Hearing closed.

Public Appearances: *(Any citizen has the right to speak on any item of business that is on the agenda for Committee action if recognized by the presiding officer.) Raine Gardner of MSA addressed the Commission regarding the Stewardship Grant Application that the Village needs to apply for by May 1st. This Grant Application for Haskins Park would include the possible purchase of the house at 165 Shaw Street, which has had some recent sewer issues, extending the parking lot and adding another shelter.*

She also reported that there are other communities along the Baraboo River that would like to apply for projects like the Haskins Park Canoe Launch. She felt it would helpful if these communities formed a Baraboo River Partnership that could help develop Baraboo River Corridor. This will help the Communities obtain additional points on Stewardship Application s to gain better ranking. The Village will be applying for another grant to start phase 2 of the Haskins Park project this year.

Zoning Administrator: Up date from Narveson

OLD BUSINESS

Mohar asked if there were any questions regarding the revisions to Chapter 18. Atty. Steichen reviewed with the Commission discussions that the Village has had with the Town of Baraboo and stressed the Village's interest in keeping our ET lot sizes in accord with the Town's ET Ordinance. Until such time as the Town approves their codes, we will leave it out of our revised Chapter 18.

Moved by Luebke, second by Kowalke to recommend to the Board approval of the proposed revisions to Chapter 18. Carried.

The Commission discussed the procedures for updating the Village's Comprehensive Plan. Luebke prepared notes on what has been accomplished in the last 20 years. Mohar thought that the Village has been very proactive in the past, needs to go forward with planning to the north and to the west. As this is Mohar last meeting as Chairman and as of January 14th his last day as the Village Engineer, he suggested that it would be a good idea to hire a Professional Planner facilitate with the Plan Commission the development of a New Comprehensive Plan. **Moved by Kowalke, second by Luebke to recommend to the Board the hiring of a Professional Plan to help with the revising our Comprehensive Plan. Carried.**

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS: Mohar thanked the Commission for all the hard work that they have done to make, especially Chapter 17 and Chapter 18, more realistic codes for the Board and public to work with and all the other accomplishments that have taken place in the past 22 year.

The Commission thanked him for all of his service and the time and efforts to make this Village what it is today.

Adjourn: Motion by Luebke, second by Barnett to adjourn at 6:45PM. Motion carried.

Kathy Goerks, Clerk/Treasurer

It is possible that members of, and possibly a quorum of, governmental bodies of the Village of West Baraboo may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. However, no formal action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting.