

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

February 11, 2015

Plan Commission Members

Dan Forbes, Chair Excused

Dave Barth

Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair

Sarajane Snyder;

Tom Grygo, Secretary,

Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate

Public Present

None

Gordon Wipperfurth opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on February 11, 2015 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to approve the January 14, 2015 Plan Commission minutes, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Grygo handed out a revised draft of the nonmetallic mining ordinance, with notes from Paul Kent. A discussion followed about deleting or moving parts of the draft ordinance to the zoning ordinance. The following items from the definitions section will be moved to the zoning ordinance, or deleted as indicated:

Buffer

Parcel or Lot

Forest

Public Highway

Grading

Plan Commission

Nonmetallic minerals

Town

Well

Dwelling: delete, currently defined in zoning

Nonmetallic mining: delete, currently defined in zoning

The following sections will be deleted, moved or revised as indicated:

13.5 Failure to Open and Operate; delete

136.2 Reimbursement of Fees and Costs (a) (b); delete

13.6.4 Initial Review by Plan Commission (a)-(c); delete

13.6.5 Final Review; delete

13.6.6 Recommendation to Town Board; delete

13.6.7 Decision by Town Board (a) (b); delete

13.7.1 Operator/Applicant Information (h) delete "scale of 1"=300" and replace with "scale of sufficient size"

13.9.1 General Standards (a)-(f) move to zoning ordinance

13.11.3 Permit Renewal (c); delete

13.11.5 Permit Denied strike reference to 13.15.3 and replace with 12.4

The deleted items are currently referenced in the zoning ordinance.

There was a discussion about section 13.9.9 Special Exceptions regarding changing the wording as "special exceptions" is defined in the zoning ordinance and conflicts with the intent of section 13.9.9.

Snyder questioned the one-mile reference in section 13.16 Damage to Private Wells, specifically 13.16.5 Other Applicants. Grygo said he would provide some background information on this at the next meeting.

A question was raised about filling test borings on private property prior to mining; this should be reviewed and addressed in the zoning ordinance revision.

Wipperfurth said he is concerned about the lack of recognition, by Incentive Community Foundation and the City of Wisconsin Rapids, to the value of tourism in the area. As a Plan Commission he said, we should be proactive and cited as an example a Stewardship Program application, for recreation land acquisition, by the City of Reedsburg.

Fuehrer commented she talked with a woman from Ramsden Builders who claimed a “problem with zoning” regarding storage units in the Town. The woman said she wanted to appear before the “Board of Appeals” and Fuehrer explained there is a procedure for this.

Wipperfurth asked about the new sign on Hwy 13 south near the county line. Fuehrer said Doug Passineau is checking with DOT regarding a permit for the sign.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the Town of Saratoga Town Hall.

Motion by Snyder to adjourn, second by Barth, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.