

# Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

April 11, 2018

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate Absent

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on April 11, 2018 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Snyder to accept the minutes of March 14, 2018, second by Barth, motion approved.

## Strategic Plan

Several members of the Town Board, the public, and Rick Bakovka, REGI, were on hand to continue working on the Strategic Plan for Saratoga. Bakovka and Doug Passineau both emphasized the idea that the “town” includes not only the residents but also those who identify with the town and may live outside Saratoga. It was agreed question number one of the survey should also include “I live outside the Town.” Other items discussed for inclusion on the survey; adding utilities in the commercial corridor, scheduling a reveal date and public meeting, cover page, a comment about moving into the town.

A discussion followed regarding a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. The following items were listed by the group;

### Strengths

Low Property Taxes	7 & 1-mile creeks (cold water)
Wisconsin River	Jct. HWY 13/73 and access to Interstate 39
Rural residential	Large 5 acre and larger tracts
Abundant wildlife	Access to undeveloped lands
Wakley Residence	

### Weaknesses

Limited access to WI River	No identifiable community events
Lack to recreational trails	No utilities in economic corridor
No public parks	
Uncertain future of land development	

### Opportunities

Work with local communities	Improve website/communications
Recreation trails	Community building spirit (business after hours)

### Threats

Resistance to change

The next meeting of the Strategic Plan group is scheduled for May 9, at 6:30, discussion items to include finalize the survey and set a return date and reveal date.

### Conditional Use Permits

Forbes handed out a copy of a legal opinion from the Town's Association regarding Act 67. A discussion followed regarding the impact of Act 67 on the Non-metallic Mining section of the Town's Zoning Ordinance. One consideration was changing from a CUP to a permit or license for non-metallic mining.

### Metallic Mining

Forbes provided information from the Town's Association regarding Act 134. Discussion followed.

### Information

Forbes said a variance has been signed by the owners of Lake Aire and Piatz regarding the location of the lot line and reduced setback requirements.

Forbes said he talked with Joe Terry, Wisconsin Rapids regarding signing and marking a bicycle route. Since a bicycle is considered a vehicle and a mode of transportation, bicycle routes may be established on roads controlled by a municipality.

There were no additional public comments or questions

The next meeting is May 9, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Wipperfurth, meeting adjourned 8:55 PM