

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

May 9, 2018

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

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on May 9, 2018 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Corrections to the minutes of April 11, change second of March 14 minutes to Barth from Fuehrer, and change to Lake Aire from Ebby's Lake Aire. Motion by Wipperfurth to accept the minutes of April 11, 2018 with corrections, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Janice Ticknor presented her reasons, and photographs, for requesting a variance to construct a 12' high wood fence visually screening her property from Wood County Telephone Company (WCTC) maintenance facility. WCTC has added an additional 6', of height, to their existing chain link fence, added privacy slats to the lower 6' and added wind screen to the upper portion of the fence, which Ticknor says is inadequate as she can still see the "trash" on the WCTC property. Ticknor would locate her fence about 8' inside her property. She also has discussed with WCTC about having the "good" side face her property, which is acceptable to WCTC. Snyder suggested using plant materials rather as screening, which Ticknor rejected. Ticknor's request for a variance does not meet the three variance criteria of, (a) Unnecessary Hardship, (b) Unique Property Limitations, (c) No Harm to Public Interest. A discussion followed. Rick Bakovka said the Town of Rome has issued a CUP for similar requests where the variance criteria cannot be met. He suggested the CUP require removal of the fence upon sale of the property. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wipperfurth recommend to the Town Board approval of a CUP for Janice Ticknor for a 12' high, 120' long wood fence, to be kept in good condition, and removed upon sale of the property, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Strategic Plan

Reviewed changes to the survey, including introduction, and questions. Bakovka, said the survey should identify what people want and don't want for development in the Town, including uses other than residential. He also suggested going over the SWOT analysis with the audience at the reveal night and getting their input, identifying projects, and asking for volunteers to lead teams, and review progress every three months.

Rezoning request

Scott Murphy outlined he reasons for a rezoning request of parcel 180039G, Hwy 73 S from RR-1 to HC. He wants to move his RV repair business from his home to a location with highway access and construct a 50' x 60' building with four repair bays. Discussion followed. There were no objections to his request, as it is agreed Highway 73 should be zoned commercial. However, before granting a zoning change, the Town must hold a public hearing, and get final approval of the County Board.

Information

Forbes said the Town's Association has published a handbook on nonmetallic mining. He wants to review this information with Paul Kent, attorney, and see if we can reference the handbook in our zoning ordinance.

There were no additional public comments or questions

The next meeting is June 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Fuehrer to adjourn second by Wipperfurth, meeting adjourned 9:10 PM