

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

June 11, 2014

<i>Plan Commission Members</i>	
Dan Forbes, Chair	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair	Sarajane Snyder;
Tom Grygo, Secretary,	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate
<i>Public Present</i>	
Terry Rickaby, Town Board Chairman Patty Heeg, Supervisor Heidi Kawleski, Clerk	Douglas Passineau, Supervisor Dave Ryun, Constable

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 P.M. on June 11, 2014 in the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Forbes said he invited the Town Board to discuss the Sign Ordinance with specific reference to Advertising Vehicle and Portable Signs. There was a question about what is a portable sign. It was generally agreed the definition in the sign ordinance sufficiently explains a portable sign, and any sign not permanently anchored to the ground is portable. The intent of the sign ordinance is to limit the number of portable signs currently being used as permanent business signs.

There was a lively discussing regarding Advertising Vehicle. Ryun questioned the definition of Advertising Vehicle since it does not specify a time limit for parking a vehicle with advertising. Wipperfurth said the intent of the advertising vehicle restriction was stopping anyone from parking a vehicle strictly for the purpose of advertising. It was generally agreed that a vehicle used for business, and parked on site or off site, and being used in the normal course of business would not be considered as an Advertising Vehicle as defined in the Sign Ordinance.

Snyder and Fuehrer offered to meeting face to face with the business owners to explain the sign ordinance. Forbes thanked the Board for their participation.

The Sign Ordinance revisions proposed at the May 14 meeting were discusses and several additional changes were recommended.

Motion by Barth to recommend adoption by the Town Board of the Sign Ordinance Amendment, with the changes discussed, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Fuehrer said Al Wondzell contacted her about building a 40' x 80' commercial storage building at 760 STH 73. Fuehrer said she advised Wondzell the property is zoned Suburban Residential and would have to be rezoned to Commercial before allowing any commercial development. In addition state approvals are required for commercial buildings.

Forbes said the Plan Commission should look at revising some of the parcels along STH 73 from Suburban Residential to Commercial. Wipperfurth questioned increasing the amount of commercial development along STH 73. He said he thought the intent at the time the zoning ordinance was developed, was to limit commercial development along STH 73 for safety reasons due to the existing number of small parcels and driveways.

Fuehrer said she is receiving more requests for larger accessory buildings (over 2000 sq. ft.) and the trend is for smaller homes and large accessory buildings.

Forbes said he received an inquiry from Nekoosa Salvage about purchasing the adjacent parcel (ID 1800959E) north of their existing property. Since the parcel in question is within the floodplain Forbes said they should contact Wisconsin DNR first.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 9 at 6:30 PM in the Town of Saratoga Town Hall.

Motion by Barth to adjourn, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.