

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

August 10, 2016

Plan Commission Members	
Dan Forbes, Chair,	Dave Barth
Gordon Wipperfurth, Co-chair,	Sarajane Snyder
Tom Grygo, Secretary	Lorelei Fuehrer Alternate
Public Present	
None	

Dan Forbes opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:30 PM on August 10, 2016 at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to accept the minutes of the June 8, meeting, second by Snyder, motion approved.

Dave Barth presented the “Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Group Business Plan.” He suggested developing a windbreak/buffer ordinance which requires the applicant to submit a plan similar to that developed by the Central Wisconsin Windshed Partnership Group, or a similar group, as a means of evaluating proposed windbreaks/buffer plans submitted to the Town. Snyder referenced a portion of the zoning ordinance for the Town of Buffalo, Marquette County which requires screening/buffers in commercial and industrial districts. A discussion followed regarding the intent of the proposed windbreak/buffer ordinance for reducing wind erosion, providing visual screening, and reducing noise. Concerns were also raised about criteria for applying the proposed ordinance, and if this should be a stand-alone ordinance or incorporated into the zoning ordinance. Fuehrer suggested wording to the effect of requiring windbreaks/buffers on parcels with vegetation less than 24” in height. Forbes said Paul Kent, in his email, suggested incorporating windbreaks/buffers into the zoning ordinance. It was agreed that Forbes further explore the comments of the Plan Commission with Paul Kent for his advice before proceeding with a draft proposal.

Fuehrer reviewed a draft proposal of the changes to the Town Building Code which she has prepared. Most of the changes are updates in the references to state administrative codes and codes concerning dwellings and commercial buildings. No action is required from the Plan Commission as the revised Building Code will be presented to the Town Board for approval at the August 17 meeting.

Forbes said the County Board has rejected proposals regarding ground water protection. However, an ordinance regarding spills has been introduced to the County Board.

There were no public comments.

The next Plan Commission meeting is September 14, 2016 at 6:30.

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by Snyder, meeting adjourned 9:00 PM