

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

May 12, 2021

Plan Commission Members	
Chair	Dave Barth
Sarajane Snyder, Co-chair	Josh McDonald
Tom Grygo, Secretary:	Gordon Wipperfurth, Alternate

Sarajane Snyder opened the meeting of the Town of Saratoga Plan Commission at 6:3 PM on May 12, 2021, at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

Motion by Barth to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021, Plan Commission Meeting, second by McDonald, motion approved.

Pam Pitrowski talked about working on a bicycle trail in Nekoosa and also the Village of Port Edwards. She said Sue Peterson contracted her about working on a bicycle trail in the Town of Saratoga. Pitrowski introduced the Village of Port Edwards Administrator Ray “Boz” Bossert. He provided a handout of proposed bicycle trail signs available through Wood County. Each municipality would receive five trail signs and one trail head sign and install the signs using their public works crew. Discussion followed about trail planning and signing. Pitrowski said she is willing to work on bicycle trail plan for the town and present the plan to the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission agreed to have Pitrowski work on planning a bicycle trail route and report back to the Plan Commission

Ruesch PUD

Ruesch presented a site plan and landscape plan. He said there would be one septic per building and one well per two buildings, and garbage pickup would be in front of each building by a third-party vendor. Barth commented about the designation of Hwy 13 access as shown on the site plan as misleading since the current access is privately owned. Ruesch said he is waiting for permission from the DOT extending the current access 33’ to the south allowing him access to Hwy 13. Ruesch said he would provide access to each building via a private road and not develop the road to town road standards.

Wipperfurth asked why Ruesch applied for a PUD. Wipperfurth said the design does not meet the definition of a PUD and should be a subdivision or CSM. Discussion centered the Zoning Ordinance requirements of a PUD mainly providing open space and maintaining a natural area. Wipperfurth said the current design does not meet this standard. It was the position of the Plan Commission that the design needs a more creative solution and Ruesch should work with the neighbors. Ruesch kept asserting that the Zoning Ordinance permits the development of nine structures on his property.

Motion by Grygo to table any recommendation to the Town Board for the Ruesch PUD, until a new design is submitted, and approvals received from the DOT for Hwy 13 access, second by Wipperfurth, motion approved.

Rhonda Carrell

Carrell said she wants to incorporate other design elements into the logo. Specifically, she wants the buck deer removed and possibly replaced with a “deer family”, stream, kayak, or other items representing the town identity. Wipperfurth said the logo was a \$10,000 gift to the town from a professional graphics design firm. He said a logo is a vision and not all encompassing; he also explained the history of the logo that began with 13 design drafts which were presented to the Town Board in January 2020. The Town

Board unanimously approved the logo design on January 15, 2020. A discussion followed about changing the logo design, stationery and business cards.

Information from Committee Members

Wipperfurth said Dan Forbes was an integral member of the Plan Commission and his knowledge of the town and contributions to the Plan Commission will be greatly missed. He hopes the Town Board recognized this and sends Forbes a thank you for his years of service to the town.

Wipperfurth said he spoke with a representative of the WEC about a direction sign for the canoe/kayak landing at Wakely. He also said the Ho-Chunk have not completed a survey of the grounds for burial sites.

Snyder commented about the land clearing and the availability of wood chips from the solar array site.

Public comments.

Rhonda Carrell said Savion is looking to stockpile wood chips off site, perhaps at the Town Hall, for pick up by the public. She also said it may be possible to have wood chips delivered to a residence.

The next meeting is June 9, 2021

Motion by Barth to adjourn second by McDonald, meeting adjourned 7:58 PM