

Town of Saratoga Plan Commission

September 8, 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 6:30 PM on September 8, 2021, at the Saratoga Town Hall. The meeting was officially noticed.

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

Snyder revised the agenda order taking the business permit application by Todd Oberg first. Oberg or a representative was not available to discuss the application. Grygo suggested delaying the application review until later in the meeting.

Silver Creek Trail PUD

Shane Ruesch presented drawings and site plans as requested in July. Ruesch said he plans to relocate trees from the site to create a buffer as shown on the site plan. A discussion followed concerning road width and emergency turn around (cul-du-sac), residential development including duplex dwellings, and buffer. Wipperfurth commented the buffer should be spruce type trees (conifer) and not taken from the site. Ruesch said he would comply with providing the buffer and turn around as requested. Two comments were received from the public against the development.

Motion by Wipperfurth to approve the PUD with the conditions of providing a spruce type of tree buffer, and emergency turn around; a second unit cannot be started until the conditions are met, second by Barth. Barth-Yes, Wipperfurth-Yes, McDonald- No, Grygo-No, Snyder-No; motion defeated.

Oberg business permit application: Grygo provided an email showing the permit application for member's review. McDonald made a motion to recommend approval of the business permit to the Town Board, second by Barth, motion approved.

Public access signs

It was agreed that the SPARKS committee would follow-up on checking with the County Highway Dept. and DOT regarding directional signs to Nepco Lake and Wakely Public Access sites. Wipperfurth reminded the committee that the access at Wakely is thru private property. Barth suggested the Town secure a written agreement with the Wakely organization granting access in perpetuity.

Wipperfurth asked to continue the discussion of signing regarding bicycle trail signs. He discussed a phone call with Pan Piotrowski regarding the proposed bicycle routes and provided a handout containing five action steps to complete an approved bicycle trail plan and signing. Discussion followed regarding working with Pam Piotrowski and Boz, Port Edwards.

Motion by Grygo to continue working on the bicycle trail and signs as discussed, second by McDonald, motion approved.

Wipperfurth also provided a handout recapping a meeting with Joseph Sukana, Wisconsin River Power Company regarding Wisconsin River Access, water trail signs, upgrade to small craft landing by Devil's Elbow, and potential natural area on land south of Ten Mile, West of CTH Z

ARPA and MFL funds

McDonald provided a handout regarding APRA and MFL funds and a possible project list. Bill Leichtnam elaborated on the project list and provided a listing of potential revenue sources and dollar amounts for the Town. He also reviewed a list of potential projects and encouraged additional projects asking the Plan Commission to individually rank the list then prioritize a final list at the October meeting.

Information from commission members

Snyder said Lukasz Lyzwa, Project Engineer, General Engineering Co. requested that we set a date for a workshop meeting with the Town of Rome regarding a proposed Rome/Saratoga Sewer Utility project. Wipperfurth said he will follow-up with the Town of Rome Administrator and get back to the Plan Commission with potential date and time.

Wipperfurth said Newmark design and print is closing and has requested a copy of data used to design the Town flag and logo.

The next meeting is October 13, 2021

Motion by McDonald to adjourn second by Wipperfurth, meeting adjourned 8:35 PM