

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, April 7, 2011
MINUTES**

Chairperson Mark Olson Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members Present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Phil Nies, Dorothy "Doc" Brueggen, Dan Grothe, Mark Laustrup, Steve Friendshuh and Martha DeLong. Members absent: Linn Newton and Brian Bisonette.

Town Clerk Warshawsky affirmed the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meetings law.

Motion by DeLong, seconded by Grothe to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting were presented to the committee. Motion Laustrup, seconded by Friendshuh to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Olson reported there was no correspondence.

ZONING:

1. Variance Application - Nancy and Mark Ramsland applied for a variance for construction/replacement of a 14' x 8' porch in that it will change the roofline and cover an existing 10' x 8' portion of an attached deck. The current deck is located 66' from the ordinary high water mark of Lac Courte Oreilles and the cabin is located 68' from the ordinary high. Variance is requested as Section 4.49(1), Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure located closer than 75' to the ordinary high water mark of the lake. Applicants not present and builder not present. Nies reported that eleven opinion letters were sent and eight were returned with no objections and no comments. Discussion followed. Motion by DeLong to approve application provided the extension be removed and no closer to the lake than the 3 season porch with gutters, seconded by Grothe with a letter from condominium association. Discussion followed. Motion amended by DeLong to include letter from condominium association. Vote unanimous. Motion Carried. Finding of fact: There would be no change in the use in the zone district, it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would be due to special conditions unique to the property.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nies reported that there is \$10,000 remaining in this year's budget. Discussion followed on how the money should be spent.

2. Discussion followed regarding projects:
 - a. Discussion followed regarding finishing the park and installing a play tower. Nies will research to see how much was spent on the equipment in Stone Lake.
 - b. Discussion followed regarding Grindstone Shallows garage repair. Nies reported the cost for repairs might not need to be covered by the park fund. The Town may contribute because it uses the garage for storage of fire department equipment. The last estimate was \$4,600 for labor only to repair the siding and replace the doors. Olson said we don't need to decide tonight. Nies said he would like to see the park finished. Shirley Suhsen asked the committee to find out how much materials would cost and suggested asking for volunteers. Nies said materials with doors come in a little over \$2,000.00. Olson said we need make sure paint is in the quote. This item will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

3. Nies reported that the Durphee Lake boat ramp is complete and turned out nice.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Olson reported the Town requested the Planning Committee to make a recommendation regarding ATV use in Northwoods Beach. Olson reported that a petition was presented at the March Town Board Meeting and Town denied the petition for reasons given in the handout and requested that the issue be sent to planning committee to review. Doug Mrotek was present to make a presentation on behalf of the ATV petitioners. Nies reported that Town Board Chairman Justin Hall could not be present at the meeting but was in favor of allowing ATV use and asked Nies to present his opinion. Olson asked to start with Hall's position. Nies said that Hall does not agree with any of Nies' points in the handout. Hall is in favor putting the plan on ice until we get a recreational plan and incorporate it. Hall would hate to see the request turned down flatly and sees value in it. Nies then presented his points. There are several problems. Northwood Beach is a compact residential community. ATVs and gravel roads don't mix. Nies reviewed the points in the handout. Discussion followed before Don Mrotek made his presentation. Don Mrotek proposed allowing ATV use from December 15 – April 15 for access to the lakes. Maps were handed out to the Committee members. Discussion followed regarding the proposed trail, signage, cost of signage and labor for the signs. Mrotek proposed a one year trial basis. Olson proposed allowing one route connecting the two lakes for the trial period only in the winter and only for ice fishing purposes. More discussion followed. Nies requested a formal plan for one year with a very limited route. It should be a direct written proposal for a future planning committee meeting and who is going to be responsible (better if it's a group putting the signage up and taking it down). Olson said we need to check into tribal ordinance on speed limits. Olson asked for motion to table it. Motion by Laustrup to table the issue, seconded by Friendshuh. Motion carried. Discussion followed and it was decided that Laustrup will pull the recreational part out of the parks plan and have it ready for a future meeting.

2. Nies presented a letter from the Sawyer County Lakes Forum that was presented to the Sawyer County Zoning and Conservation Committee with a draft ordinance.

Public Comment

Motion by Grothe, seconded by Brueggen to adjourn at 8:12 pm