

TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, March 1, 2012
MINUTES

Chairperson Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Members Present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Phil Nies, Dorothy "Doc" Brueggen and Mark Laustrup. Members Absent: Dan Grothe, Brian Bisonette, Martha DeLong and Steve Friendshuh.

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

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by Laustrup to approve agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Laustrup, seconded by Brueggen to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Olson reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County approving the variance applications for Kip Coffman and Steven Friendshuh. Friendshuh's application was approved with the condition they add 12 courses. Olson reported the correspondence was received regarding Harvey Park on Circle Drive from Linda Kremer Reed. Olson read Linda Kremer Reed's letters and the responses sent from Clerk Warshawsky. Edmond Packee raised a concern regarding public access that people are not aware of and mentioned that Harvey Park was not in the plan. Olson replied that it was in the plan in the undeveloped roads section. Discussion followed. Packee said that where the Town can mark public access it should. Laustrup said that when we develop, we have the property marked. Nies gave the Friendshuh property as an example. The property was donated to the Town, the Town had the property surveyed and it is not suited for a gazebo. Discussion followed. Nies said that the Town has about 100 properties and not just in Northwoods Beach. Discussion followed. Packee said his concern is the public should be made aware of what is there. Olson asked Packee to compile a priority list of items and submit it to the Clerk. Discussion followed.

ZONING:

1. Conditional Use Application –Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. c/o Randy Jonjak Lots 3 & 4 and Part of Gov't lot 2, S33, T 40N, R 9W: Parcel :2.1. Volume 406 Records Page 79; Doc# 339637; CSM Volume 4 Page 90. Approximately 8 acres out of the total 37.34 acres. Property is zoned Agricultural One. Purpose of request is for the three (3) year renewal of conditional use permit #01-003 for the location/operation of a non-metallic mineral extraction, including a rock crusher, which was approved at public hearing of February 15, 2001 and renewed most recently on February 20, 2009. Olson presented application. The owners were not present. Nies said all 3 pits, Williams, Skilley and Jonjak are all in the same location. Laustrup asked if the Town uses Jonjak. Nies replied that the Town uses Williams. Discussion followed. Olson suggested putting the same conditions on as last time. Discussion followed. Motion by Laustrup, seconded by Brueggen to accept. Motion carried.

Findings of fact: Owner must maintain compliance with the requirements of NR135 Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation and Sawyer County Ordinance for Non-metallic Mining Reclamation, It would be compatible with the surrounding uses and the area and it would not create an objectionable view.

2. Conditional Use Application –John P. Williams – Owner, John S. Olynick, Inc. – Operator the SW14 NE1/4, S33, T40N, R 9W; Parcel 3.1. Volume 564, Page 172. 19.27 acres out of the total 38.48 acres. Property is zoned Agriculture One. Purpose of request is for a permit for the location/operation of a non-metallic mineral extraction including a rock crusher, which was previously approved at public

hearing but has expired (CUP#88-012). Olson presented the Williams application. The application was a renewal but had to be refiled because it was not completed the first time. Williams never submitted a reclamation plan to comply with requests from Attorney Stoner and his clients. The County was going to approve with changes, but Linda Zilmer said it wasn't right and it should be a new permit, not a renewal. Olynick is running it and leasing from Williams with an option to buy. He met with John McCue and Attorney Stoner representing Johnson Trust. Johnson Trust did not like the view and the dust coming off the top of the hill and asked to take down the hills. The recommendation is that 2 – 4 feet are going to be taken off and some trees are going to be planted with the material taken off going back into the empty pit. Discussion followed. Motion by Lastrup to approve with current conditions and conditions used last time on original permit, seconded by Brueggen. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Olson presented the Town of Bass Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan 2012-2016. Olson explained that the plan was a year early due to the purchase of the property for the Windigo Lake boat landing project. The land became available and moved the project up on the agenda. The Town has been out of the loop on DNR grants since 2004. Olson spoke to Ed Slaminski at the DNR regarding the deal and Slaminski hasn't heard many applying. The Town is submitting applications for State and Federal grants looking for matching funds. Nies said they like property attached to property and there is a good chance if it has to do with landings and water. Discussion followed. Nies said we have until May 5 to get the application in. Discussion followed regarding future projects including a bike path. Lastrup passed out a packet regarding a sewage treatment plant. Lastrup said it's new technology and relatively simple. There is a plant in Minnesota. There is no sound. It looks like a pole bldg and there is no smell. The EPA has new standards. Nies asked Lastrup if he could give the packet to Land and Water. Lastrup said yes. Chuck Gunderson and Bruce Paulsen have copies. Nies will try to get it on the County agenda. Lastrup said he would like to have an information meeting. Discussion followed. Motion by Lastrup to forward the Town of Bass Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan 2012-2016 to the Town Board, seconded by Brueggen. Motion carried. Olson said that the next update would include "living document" verbiage. Nies said that we have to choose projects carefully.
2. Olson reviewed the Windigo Lake Boat Landing Expansion project. The Town is asking for \$110,000, which is \$55,000 in matching funds. If we don't get it, we'll do a little at a time. The reality of this purchase is that the fill will be used on the Highline Road project. Discussion followed. Packee questioned the blacktop and if we could get away with seal coated gravel. Olson said at this point, we're asking for everything, gravel is Plan B. Nies said it would be best to do it while doing Highline with everyone and everything there. Discussion followed regarding future projects. Olson said suggestions would go into the next update. Lastrup said it would be a good idea to get a map with the distribution of projects. Olson said that is in the comprehensive plan. Nies said to look at Map 4.1 in the Outdoor Recreational Plan. Discussion followed. The Town will look at the Comprehensive Plan in the next few years. The Clerk will contact NW Regional Planning regarding census data. Discussion followed.
3. Olson presented the view shed project on Post and Poplar. The project was in the works before the Windigo project came up. The property is at the end of Post. It's an empty lot between houses. Nies reported that the property was surveyed and it is marked. In front, there will be parking and back from the top of the hill a fence and view shed. There are 3-4 trees that the Highway Department will remove as they are past their useful life.

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by Olson to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion carried.