

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, May 6 2010
MINUTES**

Secretary, Linn Newton, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Members present: Secretary Sarah “Linn” Newton, Martha DeLong, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe, Mark Lastrup and Phil Nies. Members absent: Chairperson Mark Olson and Brian Bisonette. Due to absence of Olson, Newton chaired the meeting.

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

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

The minutes of the March 4, 2010 meeting were presented to the committee. Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by DeLong to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Nies reported the Sawyer County Cell Tower Ordinance is in process. He also stated short term rentals and dredging will be on the County agenda this month.

ZONING:

- 1.) Variance Application – Oakridge Family Limited Partnership c/o Christine Seidling has applied for the construction of an irregularly shaped addition extending the north end by 38’, the south end by 25’, and the west end by 31’. The overall footprint with proposed additions would be 31’ x 55’ and is located approximately 21’ to the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Lac Courte Oreilles. The total footprint would be 1,705 square feet. The variance is requested as Section 4.421(2)(a), Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, would require the prior granting of a variance for any expansion of the dwelling as it is located less than 40’ to the OHWM. Section 4.421(2)(b)(4), would require the prior granting of a variance to exceed the total footprint of 1,500 square feet. Christine and Bernard Seidling present. Lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Seidling stated he is willing to remove all concrete around the cabin, to apply for a DNR permit to rip rap the shoreline and to install rain gutters and downspouts to divert water into a rain garden. Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by Lastrup to approve the variance with the following six conditions; the footprint of the building is not to exceed 1,500 square feet, all concrete slabs and sidewalks to be removed prior to the issuance of the building permit and all concrete to be replaced with sod, install gutters, install a rain garden for all gutter drainage, planting to be done on lake side of building as a buffer and rip rap to be applied to shoreline pending DNR approval. All in favor: Friendshuh, Lastrup and DeLong. All opposed: Grothe and Newton. Motion carried. Applicant agreed to conditions. Finding of Fact: The variance would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance and the Town of Bass Lake’s Comprehensive Plan (Section 8.10) because; 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 cluster development will be discussed at Sawyer County this month and interested persons are encouraged to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Committee reviewed proposed Park and Recreation Planned Expenditures for 2010. Committee recommended a single unisex bathroom be placed to the east of the Town Hall Pavilion by the tree line and blacktop to be installed for handicap access. Committee also recommended repainting the swing set for now. Discussion followed regarding a gazebo view shed for the donated property on Williams Road. Nies stated he spoke to Northwood Industries and the Town could purchase a gazebo for \$4,890.00 and Northwood would donate the benches if the Town would give them a donation-in-kind letter for \$500.00. Discussion followed regarding the portable grill. Nies stated that after many discussions, the Fire Department recommended a portable grill rather than rebuilding a new BBQ pit behind the Town Hall. Some committee members voiced concern that a portable grill is not a permanent public structure and therefore it should not be a park expense and the Fire Department should be contributing monies to help purchase it. Nies clarified the grill is owned by the Town. Discussion followed regarding estimated cost for split rail fence. Motion by DeLong, seconded by Lastrup to approve the Park and Recreation Planned Expenditures 2010 as presented. Motion carried.
- 2.) Nies stated for information purposes that the Town Board passed a policy last month regarding public reserve strip in Northwoods Beach Subdivision and the only thing that didn't get included was item # 7 "Platted roads may not be infringed upon in any manner." Nies also reported the Town Board returned the Grindstone DNR Boat Landing back over to the DNR, therefore the Town will no longer need to mow or maintain the blacktop parking lot there.

Motion by Lastrup, seconded by DeLong to adjourn meeting at 7:58 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk
Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County