

TOWN OF BASS LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, September 3, 2009
MINUTES

Chairperson, Mark Olson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah "Linn" Newton, Martha DeLong, Dan Grothe, Mark Lastrup and Phil Nies. Members absent: Brian Bisonette and Steve Friendshuh.

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

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

Motion by Newton, seconded by Grothe to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

LCO representative, Brian Bisonette, not present. Bisonette will be given his oath at next meeting.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- Philip King and Judith Newberry variance was approved with conditions.

ZONING:

- 1.) Conditional Use Application- Steve Sletner, Cranberry Ridge LLC has applied for a conditional use permit for Outlots 1 – 4 to provide lake access to proposed lots 1 – 4, as shown on preliminary plat for Cranberry Ridge LLC. Nies explained it currently has not met the conditions required from the rezone done in February, 2008, therefore Sletner has requested the application to be tabled until next month. Motion by Lastrup, seconded by DeLong to table until next month. Motion carried.
- 2.) Variance Application- Michael & Joy Falch applied for a variance application for the construction of a 20' x 28' addition onto an existing dwelling at setback distances of 42' to the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) of Durphee Lake and 22' to the centerline of the easement road. The variance is requested as Section 4.421 (2)(b)(2), Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance, would require that the addition be located on the landward side of the cabin but no closer than 75' to the OHWM of the lake and Section 4.21 (6) would require a minimum setback distance of 30' to the centerline of the access easement. Eight letters were sent, four returned with no objections and no comments. Applicants present. Discussion followed regarding property being located on a peninsula, as well as diverting rainwater away from Durphee Lake. Previous variance #01-002 was granted in April of 2001 under the cost construction exceeding 50% of the current estimated fair market value rule. Motion by Newton, seconded by Grothe to approve with condition that there be no further expansions or additional structures added to parcel in the future. Motion carried. 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 are unique property limitations due to the parcel being located on a peninsula between Schoolhouse and Durphee Lakes, there would be no harm to the public interest as there would be no increase in the impervious surfaces of the parcel (Applicant has agreed to have all roof water to be shed away from Durphee Lake, or dry welled.) and a variance was approved in

April of 2001 for what is currently being re-applied for and it would be a hardship now to deny the variance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Nies reported all the bills are paid for the construction of the Town Hall Park Pavilion and Clerk Henk has submitted the request for the 50/50 matching Sawyer County ATC funds for reimbursement in the amount of \$16,000.00. It should go before the Sawyer County Finance Committee in September.
- 2.) Discussion followed regarding Sawyer County Land Division Ordinance being hopefully completed in October, regulating Septic System maintenance and the increased issue of haulers having to go to Rice Lake to dump sewage due to regulations and the high cost of Pre-Treatment Plants. Also discussed was the Sawyer County Sign Ordinance may not be revised at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding number and cost of grills for the Town Hall Park Pavilion. McCue will look into prices. Motion by DeLong, seconded by Grothe to table until next month. Motion carried. Nies will order two signs to better indicate location of DNR Boat Landing and Grindstone Shallows Boat Landing.
- 2.) Discussion followed and Planning Committee recommended the Town Board have black dirt hauled in and grass seed planted around the Town Hall Park Pavilion before this fall. Discussion also followed regarding odor from septic pipe in backyard at Town Hall. Nies stated the Town would look into getting a charcoal filter installed to help minimize odor.
- 3.) Nies reported the Town has already received the DNR permit to level off and put in small rock to rectify power loading/blow-sand situation at Grindstone Shallows Boat Landing and it will be completed in the next few weeks. Discussion followed regarding having a warning sign placed at Grindstone Shallows Boat Landing indicating that it is a very shallow landing and that use for large boats is not recommended, as well as signage to direct people to a different landing that is deeper if needed for their size boat. Nies will have Aderman order signs.

Motion by Newton, seconded by DeLong to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk
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