

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, September 4, 2008
MINUTES**

Chairperson, Mark Olson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah "Linn" Newton, Patrick Bateson, Martha DeLong, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe and John McCue.

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

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

The minutes of the July 3, 2008 meeting were read. Motion by Newton, seconded by Bateson to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Martha DeLong took her oath for a 3-year term to expire April 30, 2011.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to appoint Patrick Bateson as the Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- L. Reed variance denied and J. Anderson rezone approved.

ZONING:

- 1.) Variance Application- Oakridge Family Limited Partnership c/o Bernard Seidling has applied for a variance for the construction of an irregularly shaped 17' x 21' addition and a 6' x 8' addition onto an existing dwelling that is located approximately 21' to the ordinary high water mark of Lac Courte Oreilles Lake. The variance is requested as Section 4.21 (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 ordinary high water mark of the lake. Applicant Seidling was present and stated he would be willing to remove the concrete patio slab by the lake, so impervious surface requirements are met in exchange for being able to construct the additions with reduced setbacks. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by DeLong to approve the variance. All in favor; Friendshuh and DeLong. All opposed; Bateson, Grothe, Newton and Olson. Motion failed. Motion by Grothe, seconded by Bateson to deny the application. All in favor; Bateson, Grothe, Newton and Olson. All opposed; DeLong and Friendshuh. Motion carried. Finding of Fact: The variance would be contrary to the public interest and would not 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; it would not be due to special conditions unique to the property. A literal enforcement of the terms of the zoning ordinance would not result in unnecessary hardship because: it would be for the convenience of the owner and it would be the basis of economic gain or loss.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Town Clerk Henk reported the 50/50 grant from the DNR has been approved for the Windigo Boat Landing, but only if it includes a handicap accessible pier. The Town will

apply for a 50/50 grant for that as well. The cement for the main boat landing has been ordered and will hopefully be installed before winter.

- 2.) Clerk Henk reminded committee to put together a park plan for next year to include in the Town's budget. Chairperson Olson stated they need to apply for grants first and then they will figure out the details of a park plan and how much to budget.
- 3.) Chairperson Olson stated Supervisor Nies submitted examples of a privacy fence for the restrooms and message signboard at Grindstone Shallows Park. Discussion followed regarding size of message signboard. Motion by Newton, seconded by Olson to recommend purchasing the following items;
For Privacy Fence { 3 (6" x 6" posts)
 { 2 (4' x 8' pre-manufactured panels)

For Sign Board { 2 (6" x 6" posts)
 { 4 (8' decking material)
Motion carried. McCue will present to Town Board.
- 4.) Newton reported nice sized bushes have been planted in the restoration area at the Grindstone Shallows Park. Newton requested obtaining a key to the garage at the Park so she can have access to the water hose if the Highway Crew can't water them.
- 5.) Chairperson Olson stated Dorothy Brueggen not present to report progress on GPS for proposed snowshoe/walking trail. Discussion followed regarding trail layout and location. Table until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding the Park Budget for 2009. Henk stated approximately \$15,000 was received from the American Transmission Company (ATC) in utility payments through the state in 2008. Proposals for 2009 Park Budget included;
 - Print up more Comprehensive Plan Books - \$500.00
 - Repair BBQ (Stone Work, Baffles and Fill Blocks) - \$4,000.00
 - Mowing – use charge from last year x 10% increase
 - Septic Services at Grindstone Shallows Park - \$200.00
 - Windigo Boat Landing (extra cost to do required handicap pier)-\$2,000.00
 - Windigo Boat Landing (gravel side of road for extra parking) - \$2,000.00
 - Snowshoe/Walking Trails by Grindstone Shallows Park - \$4,000.00
 - 30' x 40' Pavilion for Town Hall - \$50,000.00

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2008 = \$62, 700.00

Motion by Newton, seconded by Bateson to adjourn meeting at 7:56 P.M. Motion carried.

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