

**Town of Bass Lake**  
**Sawyer County**  
**Planning Committee & Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, January 3, 2008**

**MINUTES**

Chairperson, Russ Iverson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present; Dave Aubart, Patrick Bateson, Russ Iverson, John McCue, Sarah "Linn" Newton, Mark Olson. Members absent; Frank Cowan

Chairperson Iverson and Phil Nies affirmed the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meeting law.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by McCue to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were read. Motion by Olson, seconded by Bateson to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Chairperson Iverson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning. S. Sletner rezoning application was approved.

Supervisor Nies stated that the DNR has approved permit for Mr. Sletner to fill at the Cranberry Ridge site. The township has not received the letter yet. We expect this project to be on our agenda in the next few months.

**Zoning:**

1) Variance application- Steven Friendshuh construction of an irregularly shaped 24'x24' detached garage at a setback distance of 22' to the centerline of a private access easement and 33' to a wetland boundary. Of the letters sent 6 were received back. Chairperson Iverson read the letters. Two letters had no objection and four had objections with comments. Discussion followed. Mr. Friendshuh was in attendance. He stated is not a speculation house, he will be living there. He is trying to stay in the spirit of the original variance with this new garage. He has installed a rain garden, gutters to help take care of the runoff. Mr. Friendshuh feels that this hardship was caused by the County when they changed they changed the zoning after he purchased the property. Motion by Aubart motion, seconded by Newton to deny . Motion carried. Finding of fact: The variance would be contrary to the public interest and would not be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it would be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would not be due to special conditions unique to the property. (11 & 12).

## **Old Business:**

1. Grindstone Shallows Park – Grills - John Mc Cue reported that the grills have been delivered and are being stored until spring. We purchased the grills with the City of Hayward and thus were able to save on shipping costs.

## **New Business:**

1. Supervisor Nies reported that Sawyer County passed a wind ordinance but did not include any township oversight. Town recommendation will be part of recommendation but not town approval. Town boards sent letter asking it to be changed at zoning last month and the County board passed it as it was. The Towns of Meteor, Hunter, Edgewater are working on doing their own wind ordinance. Towns can take the county ordinance and then make it more protective. Following discussion, Motion by Olson, seconded by Iverson to see what the other townships are doing. Mr. Packe stated that people can have vertigo from the shadow of the blades.

2. Chairperson Iverson presented Phil Nies with a plaque for 7 years of service on the Smart Growth and planning committees.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Bateson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P. M. Motion carried.

Linn Newton  
Planning Committee Secretary.