

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, Dec 1, 2003**

MINUTES

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Members present: Nancy Albertin, Helen Chevrier, Russ Iverson and Phil Nies. Frank Cowan was absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Nancy motioned to approve the minutes as read. Russ seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy gave a report on the Towns Association seminar on land use that she attended. Towns have the right to regulate land division. Emphasis was placed on the importance of involving local citizenry in this process. She talked about condo development. Both condo and subdivision of lands should be in the same local use ordinance. The inclusion of compliance issues must be considered before land registration can occur. Phil recommended that Nancy lead the committee for a land division ordinance. Nancy also listed several other requirements for the ordinance. Discussion followed. Several other committees were discussed including a Park committee and a zoning issue committee. Phil presented updates on several of the 5 areas under consideration for park usage. Several funding resources were mentioned. Russ will co-chair with Phil for the Park Committee. A Land Trust meeting will be held on Dec. 13th at the town hall.

The committee reviewed the most recent applications for zoning permits.

- A. D. Miller—Conditional use permit for a car detailing operation on State Rt. 27 near Rainbow Rd. This use concurs with the land use plan and meets findings of fact.
- B. G. Stier---Variance request. Discussion followed. The committee recommended movement of the easement road or to relocate the garage site to another area on the property to eliminate conflicts with zoning requirements.
- C. J. Groberg---Variance request. Discussion followed. Denial recommended due to convenience for owner, is detrimental to wetlands and would create run-off and drainage problems.

Phil presented the latest draft for the camping ordinance, which the Towns Association is working on. The Town of Bass Lake Board would like a recommendation from the committee. Members are to review the ordinance and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Helen passed out sample copies of a Water Exhibition and Race Ordinance. Members are to review the sample and be prepared to discuss it at next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was discussed. A motion was made by Phil and seconded by Nancy that the meeting date be set for the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, unless the meeting falls on a holiday. The meeting would then be held on the next Monday. Aye votes: Phil, Nancy and Helen. Nay vote: Russ. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Dec. 29th at 6:30 PM.

The Town Board will hold a special meeting on Dec. 15th at 6:00 PM for the public hearing on the adoption of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Phil reported on the most recent activity about the “dog-leg” lots on Grindstone Lake and Lac Courte Oreilles and on other zoning issues involving the town.

Helen moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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