

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, December 1st, 2005**

MINUTES

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Cindy Hanus, Russ Iverson, Phil Nies and Jeff Schultz. A motion was made by Chevrier, seconded by Hanus, to approve the agenda with the addition of 500 square feet structure to new business. Motion carried.

Correspondence – No correspondence was received. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Iverson motioned to approve the minutes as corrected to change the name LCO to Lac Courte Oreilles Lake Association for money donated to the landing repair, seconded by Cowan. Motion carried. Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 21, 2005, were read. Cowan motioned to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried.

ZONING:

No new zoning issues.

Williams – both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County Zoning Committee approved the application as submitted.

Bergum – both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County Zoning Committee approved the application with recommended conditions.

Butterbaugh - both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County Zoning Committee approved the application with recommended condition of no more than 4 units.

Halleland and Larson – both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County Board of Appeals approved the application with the conditions recommended by the Planning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PARK COMMITTEE –

a) Grindstone Shallows –Iverson recommended that bids should be ready for the March meeting of the town board. Discussion followed.

b) Grindstone boat landing – Nies reported that Thompson extended the channel to eliminate the rise in the rocks.

2. TOWN POLICY FOR PLOTTED/NON-IMPROVED ROADS –

Nies read the draft of the policy. Discussion followed, in particular the necessity of a permit. Several changes were made. Motion made by Cowan, seconded by Chevrier, to approve the corrected draft and submit it to the Town Board for approval. Motion carried.

3. COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN REVIEW –

The review of the revisions is tabled until next meeting. Nies reported on the addition of page 8-23 as an addendum for rural residential forestry zone. Discussion followed.

Iverson questioned the need for something in between 20,000 square feet and 5 acres. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Hanus, seconded by Cowan, to recommend approval. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. COMPLETION DATE FOR VARIANCES

Nies reported that the County is doing completion dates for variances. Discussion followed whether or not all applications should have completion dates and should it be included in the Building Inspector's job.

3. 500 SQUARE FOOT STRUCTURES

Nies reported that applicants are decreasing the cost of an addition or structure to be below the \$10,000 factor. By changing the factor to 500 square foot, it would be easier to enforce. Iverson questioned other enforcement issues. The matter will be revisited at the next meeting.

2. PURCHASE OF ODD LOTS

Nies talked about the difficulty in obtaining 7 lots for development in Northwoods Beach. Many lots are being sold for back taxes, where they sell quickly. Frequently single lots are offered to the town. Discussion followed whether the town should accept these lots and hold them until a 7 lot parcel can be made. The goal would be that they be used for affordable housing. A question was raised on whether they should be used for green space. D. Brueggen will check into how many blocks might be in the category of only single or double lots or multiple owners and no 7 lot parcel. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

S. Suhsen questioned if there was any further news on the Reed property on Durphee Lake. Nies gave the latest report.

The next meeting is January 5th at 6:30 PM. Chevrier moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Hanus. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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