

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, July 6, 2006**

MINUTES

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Dave Aubart, Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson, and Phil Nies. Mark Olson and Jeff Schultz were absent. A motion was made by Chevrier, seconded by Cowan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Correspondence – Chevrier read excerpts from a recent Grindstone Lake Association survey about Grindstone Shallows and the swimmer's itch in the lake. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Iverson motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Aubart. Motion carried.

ZONING:

1. Variance – The Chicago Club Partnership has requested a variance for the construction of 62 x 78 foot 2 story dwelling located 45 feet from the OHWM of Lac Courte Oreilles. County Ordinance requires a setback of 75 feet from the OHWM. The application had been tabled at the County level. No further information is available at the present. Nies read the previous Findings of Fact from the Town meeting. . Discussion followed.

The J. and E. Packee application was approved by the Board of Appeals as submitted. Mr. Packee had prepared a site plan detailing all measures to control any water problems. Iverson questioned how follow up is done for compliance. Nies reported on what the Town does for follow up. Discussion followed.

The Skille gravel pit was approved by the Zoning Committee with a 3 week period of extended hours instead of the 2 weeks as recommended by the Town

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Park Committee

a) Grindstone Shallows – The mitigation plan was approved by Zoning Department. Trees at the privy site are to be moved by the Town next week. Dale Olson, Sawyer County Water and Soil Conservationist, will get the plants for the mitigation plan and will do the planting. There are some funds available to help with the \$6-700 cost of the plants. Discussion followed. No information about the sign. Iverson said he would do the sign if necessary.

2. Zoning Ordinance 4.25 Lot Sizes – Nies reported on the latest language for section 4.25 and it will be presented to the Sawyer County Zoning Committee, followed by a public hearing. There will be new requirements for lake lot sizes. All the towns in the County must approve the changes. Motion made by Iverson, seconded by Cowan, to approve Section 4.251. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guidelines for property visitations, and testimony to Zoning Committee or Board of Appeals.

Nies reviewed a few items about site inspections, including never saying "I see no problem". He read a letter from W. Winton, the Town attorney, about visitation and

information given to the applicant and the importance of not showing any bias.
Discussion followed.

When giving testimony to either the Zoning Committee or the Board of Appeals be sure to give proper identification if appearing as a Committee member or as a private individual.

2. Tribal ATV Ordinance.

Aubart reported on a recent meeting about ATV use. The LCO Tribe is writing an ordinance for ATV use. This ordinance may force towns to put in trails. Public Law 280 allows the tribe to write such an ordinance. Further discussion followed.

D. Tyrolt, LCO Conservation Officer, recently blasted out beaver dams on Grindstone Springs for the renewal of trout streams. He is checking into areas where LCO Development had built snowmobile trails with high culverts. He hopes to do Squaw Creek in the near future, but the water level is 12 inches below normal and there is no water flow into Osprey Creek. Discussion followed about evaporation rates from the lakes.

The next meeting is August 3rd at 6:30 PM. Chevrier moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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