

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 3, 2005**

MINUTES

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Nancy Albertin, Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson and Phil Nies. Standing Citizen Committee member Ted Schwenker was present. A motion was made by Chevrier, seconded by Albertin, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Todd Gould garage. Motion carried. Correspondence – Nies presented an article that was in the Sawyer County Record about the Northwoods Beach Zone District. Discussion followed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Iverson motioned to approve the minutes as corrected for the spelling of Cowan. Cowan seconded. Motion carried.

ZONING:

- a. The Sawyer County Zoning Committee has approved the conditional use application from G. Naegeli for the establishment of a Beauty Salon in Northwoods Beach, with the restriction to present owner only.
- b. The Northwoods Mennonite Church will wait for the establishment of the Northwoods Beach Zone District before pursuing the permit to establish a cemetery on the church property.
- c. F. Maki has withdrawn her application.
- d. The Sawyer County Zoning Committee has requested that the Town do a fact sheet for the zoning office.
- e. The Sawyer County Zoning Committee will do a meeting on Friday, April 1, 2005, at 9AM to address the antique, collector and hobby vehicles. Nies read a letter from the SCZC. The SCZC may require a conditional use permit if over 4 licensed vehicles on a property. Junk or problem vehicles must be considered separately from collector vehicles. Discussion followed. The County is sensitive to the antique car collector and their concerns. The biggest issue is to follow state statues and screen vehicles from public view. Nies urged the collectors of attend the SCZC meeting. Currently the SCZC meets twice a month, so the Planning Committee must stay on top of the issues.
- f. T. Gould has filed an application for construction of a new garage and a tear down of an existing garage. The property is on Poplar Av. in Northwoods Beach. The present garage is right on the roadway. Recommendation was made for approval of the application.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LAND USE ORDINANCE–Nies reported that a public hearing will be conducted by the Sawyer County Zoning Committee in the near future.

2. PARK COMMITTEE-

a) Grindstone Lake park. Nies reported that the town has received \$120,000 in federal grant money. S. Miller, Town Clerk, was very instrumental in obtaining the funding. The funds will be used for repayment of the loan on the property. Iverson reported on the progress in obtaining bids for the grant application. Nies moved **NEW BUSINESS** to the immediate topic. Sawyer County will give the Town one lot near the Grindstone Park. Intergovernmental co-operation is plus for grant considerations. Discussion followed about the possibility of having a nature trail or snowshoe path on the property. Presently there are no snowshoe trails in the county. Motion made by Albertin, seconded by Iverson, to recommend acceptance of the memo. Motion carried.

b) Town Hall park. No new information at present

3. NORTHWOODS BEACH ZONE DISTRICT -Nies reported that the latest information on the district is on the Town web site. Discussion followed on several abandoned vehicles located at Lincoln and Fox Aves. The house on the property is vacant. Nies stated that he will appear before the Sawyer County Zoning Board of Appeals and cover the town's views on zoning issues.

4. TOWN BUILDING PERMITS –Bill Hise was not present. The matter is tabled until the next meeting.

5. PARK NAMES–A number of names have been submitted by the community. These include: Bay Park, Corbin Park, Eagle Crest Park, Grindstone Creek Community Beach, Grindstone Park, Grindstone Shallows, Lac Greis Park, Lakeside Park, Northern Exposure, Northwoods Beach Community Park, Post Park, Sunrise Park, Voyageur Community Park and Waterside Park. Members of the public were given the opportunity to vote for their favorite. Grindstone Shallows was the winner and the favorites are to be recommended to the Town Board.

6. TERMS OF OFFICE – Chevrier worked up a new schedule of terms of office compatible with the town ordinance. Terms of office start on May 1st. Cowan will have the one year term expiring in 2005. The two year terms of Albertin and Iverson will expire in 2006. Chevrier and Nies will have the three year terms expiring in 2007. Discussion followed. Motion made by Chevrier, seconded by Albertin, to recommend approval of the terms to the Town Board. Motion carried.

The next meeting is April 7th at 6:30 PM. Albertin moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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