

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, November 3rd, 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 Cowan, seconded by Hanus, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Correspondence –Nies reported on the Economic Summit to be held November 9th at the Lac Courte Oreilles Convention Center. He also stated that members can attend the UW Extension Wisline Teleconference Series. Chevrier read an email received from K. and R. Stelzer praising the action of the Planning Committee re Town Access Roads and the reply. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Cowan motioned to approve the minutes as corrected to change the name Walton to Walters, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

ZONING:

T. Seehuetter– both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County approved their application as submitted.

J. and J. Rowe- both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County denied the application as recommended.

R. Helm- the Town of Bass Lake approved and Sawyer County Board of Appeals approved the application with a requirement to move the walkout to the east side of the dwelling and to remove a storage building on the property.

1. Rezone –R. and J. Bergum have applied for a rezone from F1 to RR1 to create residential lots containing 2-3 acres. Parcel is 80 acres. No letters were returned as of yet. Discussion followed. Bergum is agreeable to creating 5 acre parcels with no further subdivision. Motion made by Hanus, seconded by Schultz, for approval with the condition that lots be 5 acres in size and no further subdivision be done. Motion carried. Finding of fact: The change in zone district and /or conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would be compatible with the surrounding uses and the area.

2. Rezone –J. Williams has applied for a rezone from Ag1 to RR1 for creation of a 0.91 acre parcel out of a total 28.54 acres. Purpose is to assist a family member. Discussion followed. Motion made by Cowan, seconded by Chevrier, to recommend approval. Motion carried. Findings of fact: The change in zone district and /or conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values, it would not create an air quality, water supply or pollution problem, and it would not create traffic or highway access problems.

3. Conditional Use – A. and C. Butterbaugh and R. Butterbaugh have applied for a conditional use permit to create 4 units in unit #5 of Grindstone Lake Condominiums. The building consists of 3 levels, with 2400 square feet on the lower level, 2400 square feet on the mid level and 1200 square feet on the upper level. Intent is to create 4 dwelling units. No letters returned as of yet. Discussion followed. Motion made by Schultz for approval, seconded by Cowan. Motion carried. Finding of fact: The change in zone district and /or conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it

would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would be compatible with the surrounding uses and the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PARK COMMITTEE –

a) Grindstone Shallows –Chevrier passed out photos of the work done to date at the park. B. Miller questioned about the sign and the posting of the hours for the park. Nies reported that he had contacted Woodland Resort, who had done a great sign for Round Lake. Discussion followed. N. Grothe questioned the enforcement of the hours. Sawyer County Sheriff and the LCO tribal police would enforce the hours. Nies commented that the town may pass on ordinance about the hours for the park.

b) Grindstone boat landing – Nies reported that M. Perrson had used the DNR landing and that the dredging was not completely done. P. Sanders will check out the matter.

2. Boat Landings

a) Windego Lake - Nies reported that a new CSM was being done and then the quick claims can be done by Mr. Walters and Mr. Landgraf.

b) Grindstone Lake – the Lac Courte Oreilles tribe donated \$250 toward the landing work.

c) Victory Heights – The Town of Sand Lake has redone the landing. The LCO tribe donated \$250 toward the landing work.

NEW BUSINESS:

Currently there is a bill in the Wisconsin Legislature to redefine navigable waters. S. Sherman will be sending a copy to the town.

1. Town policy for plotted/non-improved roads.

a) Survey of roads. A survey had been completed showing open roads. S. Snyder had requested that Grant Street be opened. The Town Board has requested that the Planning Committee write a policy for town roads. Many roads were plotted in 1927, but never were opened. B. Miller spoke of the desire to open or not open the roads which may lead to more development in Northwoods Beach. He also stated the County will be going on line with a listing of property ownership.

b) Policy consideration. To be discussed further at the town meeting. Discussion followed.

2. Other Public Accesses.

a) Durphee Lake – The land next to the landing is swamp land, which limits parking. Discussion followed.

b) Lac Courte Oreilles – Mr. Porkony owns the property to the south of the landing, but not lake frontage. Discussion followed.

3. Comprehensive Review. Discussion followed about doing the review at the next meeting or a special meeting. A decision was made to do the review at a special meeting on November 21st at 7:00PM. Town Roads may also be discussed. That meeting may include a quorum of the Town Board.

The next meeting is December 1st at 6:30 PM. Hanus moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Chevrier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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