

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, Oct 23, 2003**

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman, Phil Nies, at 6:30 PM. The oath of office was administered by Town Clerk, Shirley Miller, to the members of the Planning Commission: Nancy Albertin, Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson and Phil Nies. Election of officers was carried out. Nancy Albertin, seconded by Helen Chevrier, nominated Phil Niles for the office of Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. Russ Iverson, seconded by Phil Nies, nominated Nancy Albertin for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried unanimously. Russ Iverson, seconded by Frank Cowan, nominated Helen Chevrier for the office of Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

The time and date for future meeting were discussed. The 4th Thursday of the month seemed to coordinate best with the Town Board and Sawyer County Zoning meetings. Phil moved "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 1st Monday of the next month." Nancy seconded. The motion carried. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the next meeting will be held on Dec 1st at 6:30PM.

Resolution PC 01-10-03 was discussed. A motion was made by Helen and seconded by Frank to approve the resolution with no changes or corrections. Motion carried unanimously. The Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Town of Bass Lake Board for adoption. The Town Clerk will handle all first class notices.

Several members of the Plan Committee were recommended for appointment to the Standing Citizen Committee. These included Bill Hise, Ray Moeller, Harry Schroeder, Ted Schwenker and Shirley Suhsen. Any other interested citizen is encouraged to apply for appointment. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Frank to approve the recommendations. Motion carried. Phil will contact the appointees. The Town Clerk will type a list of all members of the Planning Commission and any ad hoc committees.

The initial members of the Planning Commission will have staggered terms: 1 one-year term, 2 two-year terms and 2 three-year terms. Thereafter, all terms will be for 3 years. Phil requested that he have the one-year term. Lot chose the remainder. Frank and Russ will have 2-year terms. Helen and Nancy will have the 3-year terms. Frank moved that the terms be approved, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

One of the first priorities of the Planning Commission will be the adoption of a land division ordinance. Discussion followed about the items to be included. A land use ordinance was also discussed.

A Park Committee will be formed to look into land acquisition for recreational use within the township. The committee will include members of the Planning Commission and possibly Ralph Meixner and Shirley Miller, who have been active on a committee for the Town. Harry Schroeder, Standing Citizen Committee, mentioned that land trusts could frequently be used for these matters. Several properties on Grindstone Lake and Lac Courte Oreilles were discussed as possible park areas. Grant money is available to purchase property for park construction. If the current Arrowhead-Weston power line proposal receives approval, the town will receive funding for recreational uses. Work is underway for upgrading the boat landing on Spring Lake. The road has been moved over and a parking lot will be constructed and graveled. Sawyer County will share expenses with the Town. The lot will be handicap accessible. Discussion was held about upgrading the boat landing on Windigo Lake.

Several different types of permits were discussed, including dredging and sanitary. Sawyer County and several of the area towns are looking into the current camping ordinance. Also discussed were the forms used in the finding of fact for the County Zoning Board and Board of Appeals.

Nancy moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Russ. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Helen Chevrier, Secretary.
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