

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, March 1, 2018**

MINUTES

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members Present: Chairman Mark Olson, Phil Nies, Dorothy “Doc” Brueggen, Mark Lastrup and Dave Aubart. Members Absent: Dan Tyrolt, Dick Theis and Joel Valentin.

Phil Nies affirmed agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by Lastrup to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Lastrup, seconded by Brueggen to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence - None

Olson presented the Variance Application for Steven Friendshuh. The application is for the construction of a 24’ x 24’ accessory building (garage) less a 12’ x 8’ portion. The proposed structure would be located 22’ at the closest point from the centerline of an existing 33’ wide private easement road pavement and 33’ at the closest point to a non-navigable wetland. All other setbacks to be met. The variance is requested as Section 4.21 (6) Setback Requirements on Roadways, Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance would require prior granting of a variance for any structure closer than 30’ to the centerline of a private easement road. Section 6.2 (2) Shoreland Setbacks, Sawyer County Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance would require the prior granting of a variance for any structure located closer than 40’ to a non-navigable wetland. Olson reported that the County sent 5 letters; 2 were returned, both with no objection. Motion by Nies, seconded by Brueggen to approve the application. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. No harm to public access. The access road was made in the 1940’s. Currently, the road is not the primary access to the property to the east. The property to the east uses another access road.
2. Unique property limitations – the wetland was actually formed by the creation of the access road. The “pot hole” wetland is a lot higher than the lakeshore.
3. Unnecessary hardship – The property owner has shoe-horned and sized the garage for minimal footprint. A garage is a necessity in Sawyer County.

Olson presented the Henk’s Park update. Olson reported that the trails will be brushed in April, the parking lot will be created in May and the privy will be installed in June. The sanitation permit has been applied for and issued.

Nies presented the tourist rooming house update. Nies reported that the County will wait until late fall to review if the County as agent of the state would address all issues with short term rentals.

Nies reported that the County is reviewing dropping towns from the special use permit process. Motion by Olson, seconded by Lastrup to keep the current review process. Motion carried.

Motion by Brueggen, seconded by Lastrup to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Motion carried.

Phil Nies
Clerk Pro Tem