

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, June 3, 2021**

MINUTES

Planning Committee Chairman Bond Sutton called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held in person and virtually using Zoom. Members Present: Chairman Bond Sutton, Dick Theis, Dan Tyrolt, Tony Pfendt, Michael Friend, Thomas Whitt, James Evans, Dave Aubart, and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Alternate Sig Wysocki

Warshawsky affirmed agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Pfendt, seconded by Evans to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Pfendt, seconded by Evans to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence – None

Sutton reviewed withdrawn Conditional Use Permit Application (CUP) #21-015 for Michael Horman. Sutton explained that when the property was split and sold in 2008, the 2 houses should have been split with a house on each parcel. The CUP was set up for a multi-dwelling development (condominium, apartment, or resort). The question became “Does this meet these requirements?” The answer is “No”. This application should never have been sent to the Town.

Sutton explained that when the Town receives an application, the following questions should be asked:

1. Has it been done before?
2. Does it meet the requirements?
3. Does it sound right?

Sutton explained that Phil Nies helped and the definition of a multi-dwelling development did not apply to the Horman property.

Sutton presented the Henks Park Interpretive Nature Trail update. Pfendt visited Henks Park and walked the trails. There are flowers and trees that Pfendt would like labeled. Pfendt suggested installing a suggestion box. Sutton asked the Planning Committee for volunteers to tour Henks Park with Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell and Mike Heim to create a list of plants to label. Pfendt and Evans volunteered.

Sutton reviewed the inventory of the Town of Bass Lake Outdoor Recreation Plan. Discussion followed. Sutton reported that the Town has property on Indian Road that could be developed into a nature trail, baseball field, etc. Sutton asked members to bring any ideas for the Indian Road property to the next meeting.

Sutton reviewed the Park Maintenance and Updating 2021 list. Sutton reported that Campbell will be getting estimates for adding wood chips to the Town Park play area and an estimate to extend/lengthen parking and blacktop at Durphee Landing. Discussion followed regarding the parking lot expansion at Henks Park.

Sutton presented and reviewed the 2021 Planning Committee budget.

Sutton presented the request for a hydrology study. Pfendt reported that a previous study was completed in 1998. It is 166 pages long and is directed toward phosphorus. Pfendt reported that grant applications will be available on July 1, 2021 and due September 1, 2021. Instead of directing the study at phosphorus, Pfendt suggested directing the study at water levels and erosion. Discussion followed. Pfendt mentioned that Jay Koslowski at the County is doing a much better job. Sutton and Pfendt will meet with COLA and Tyrolt to see what should be studied. Sutton suggested studying the operation of the dam to see how the operation of the dam affects water levels. Discussion followed. Whitt asked what the Town is prepared to do to stop erosion. Sutton replied that citizens have rights to all lakes and the DNR must address concerns, but it starts with us. The goal is to have the least amount of impact. We want to limit damage from human intervention. The Town must show concern. Discussion followed. Friend suggested addressing water levels and what can be done about it. Pfendt agreed. Sutton would like to get input from COLA and Tyrolt and put a letter together to the DNR and find out what the County's responsibilities are. Discussion followed.

Any other business that may come before the Board – Discussion Only – None

Motion by Evans, seconded by Pfendt to adjourn at 7:04 pm. Motion carried.