

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE  
SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Thursday, May 5, 2022**

**MINUTES**

Planning Committee Chairman Bond Sutton was not present. Phil Nies was elected Chairman.

Chairman Nies called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The meeting was held in person and using Zoom (starting at 6:45 pm due to technical difficulties). Members Present: Chairman Phil Nies, Secretary Micheal Friend, Dave Aubart, Sig Wysocki, Tony Pfendt (virtually), and Dan Tyrolt. Members Absent: Chairman Bond Sutton.

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

Motion by Wysocki, seconded by Tyrolt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyrolt, seconded by Wysocki to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2022 regular meeting with two minor changes submitted by Pfendt. Motion carried.

Nies reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation notifying the Town that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors denied Rezone Applications 22-003 and 22-004 for Pinewood Properties, LLC

Nies presented Conditional Use Permit #22-018 for Rodney Olson. The permit is desired for the construction of a 1,400 sq. ft. private woodworking shop as allowed in Sawyer County Ordinance S17.3, (B)(6), for construction business trim work. The building would be entered between Post and Fox Avenues on Lot 16. The applicant was present. Nies reported that Sawyer County Zoning sent 14 letters; 1 returned with objection. Olson presented his application. Discussion followed. Motion by Pfendt, seconded by Tyrolt to deny the application. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Findings of Fact:

1. It does not fall into uses allowed by zone district within the platted sub-division.
2. It would be a de-facto rezone from residential to commercial use.
3. It would be damaging to the rights of others and property values in the residential subdivision.
4. It is not compatible with the surrounding uses and the Northwoods Beach subdivision.
5. It would have a negative effect on the development of residential dwellings within the subdivision.
6. It does not comply with the intent or purpose of the Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan or Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance. This is not a similar use within the zone district.
7. This is a non-conforming use and would be an accessory structure (garage) on vacant land.

Old Business: None

Nies presented the Town of Bass Lake Highway Excavation Permit Application for Charles and Elizabeth Bauer in connection with Conditional Use Permit #22-010. Charles Bauer was present with Alex Kerkman, engineer from Olson Solar Energy (virtually). Discussion followed. Bauer agreed to a hold harmless agreement and agreed to bore 6 feet deep under the Town road. Bauer declined the shrubbery requirement. Kerkman answered committee member questions regarding safety. Motion by Friend, seconded by Tyrolt to approve the conditions of the excavation permit. Motion carried.

Nies reported that over the years, the Planning Committee has oscillated between five and seven members. The Planning Committee currently has five members and two open seats. Discussion followed. The Planning Committee decided to change to a five member committee.

Nies reviewed a handout with the current Planning Committee appointments.

Any Other Business That May Come Before the Board – Discussion Only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm