

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
February 22, 2010
MINUTES**

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The Plan Commission of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, February 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Dresser, Wisconsin.

The agenda for this meeting was sent for publication in The SUN newspaper and posted at the Town Hall, the Dresser Post Office, Rural American Bank and the Town of Osceola Website on Friday February 12, 2010.

CHAIRMAN STEVE STROSHANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Steve Stroshane, Ron Strom, E. R. Lindholm, Wally Neumann, Mike Wallis, Amy Middleton and Bob Clark.

Absent:

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Ed Gullickson, Chairman, Town of Garfield, Bill Hughes, Chairman, Town of St. Croix Falls, Jim Alt, Zoning Administrator, Town of St. Croix Falls, Bob Wright, Dan & Suzy Burch and Glyn Thorman.

There WAS a majority of Plan Commission members present.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/MIDDLETON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2010 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

MOVED, SECONDED BY MIDDLETON/STROM TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 25, 2010 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED BY THE CLERK/TREASURER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Glyn Thorman expressed gratitude and appreciation for all the work that was done on the quarry issues. It wasn't an easy task and it took a lot of personal time. He went on to say, we might not always agree on things but recognizes all the work the Plan Commission and the Town Board put in on it.

BUSINESS:

Town Zoning

Town of Garfield Approach

Ed Gullickson, Chairman, Town of Garfield was on hand to explain what they are doing about zoning in their Town. With the help of Stevens Engineers, they are in the process of writing a zoning ordinance in order to move from no zoning to doing their own zoning. The Town of Garfield would rather make their own zoning decisions then rely on the County to make decisions that affect the Town. Mr. Gullickson said that they feel that they can either accept the cost of putting Town zoning in place now or face possible litigation costs later. They would like to share the cost of a zoning administrator with other Towns that have decided to go the same route and do their own zoning.

Town of St. Croix Falls

Bill Hughes, Chairman and Jim Alt, Zoning Administrator, Town of St. Croix Falls were on hand to give the Plan Commission an idea of what they could expect if the Town were to opt out of County zoning and pursue their own Town zoning. The Town of St. Croix Falls has done their own zoning since 1994. They have a zoning administrator that works about 20 hours a week, a board of appeals and a lawyer on retainer that attends all their meetings. Most applications are only seen by the Zoning Administrator unless the applicant appeals the decision. Mr. Hughes and Mr. Alt detailed the process that they follow and the cost that the Town incurs to have their own zoning.

The Plan Commission would will try to find out if the rewriting of the county's Land Use Ordinance will be considered a major rewrite and if the Town may opt out of County Zoning if it so chooses.

Conservation Subdivisions

The Plan Commission reviewed a presentation on conservation development put together by Kris Larson, Director of Conservation Programs, Minnesota Land Trust and was presented at the Town of Garfield last year.

Discussion continued on conservation developments. Amy Middleton provided information from the Town on Troy regarding conservation subdivisions and she will be asking a member of the staff from West Wisconsin Land Trust to present at a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Kraemer Mining and Materials has filed a complaint for Declaratory Relief and Certiorari Review with the circuit court and the Board of Adjustments.

COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS:

None

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

Monday March 22, 2010 regular monthly Plan Commission Meeting

- Sara Mc Curdy, Polk County Land Information Director

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY STROM/CLARK TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 22, 2010 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Plan Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED 3/22/10

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk/Treasurer