

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA  
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20 2011  
MINUTES**

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The Plan Commission of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2011 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, Frandsen Bank & Trust and the Town of Osceola Website on Friday September 9, 2011.

**CHAIRMAN DOUG SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Doug Schmidt, Ron Strom, Bob Wright, Amy Middleton and Wally Neumann.

**Absent:** Mike Wallis

**ALSO PRESENT:** Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer, Dan Burch, Dodd & Nancy Knutsen and Kirk Carlson.

**There WAS a majority of Plan Commission members present.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/MIDDLETON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.**

**MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY NEUMANN/WRIGHT TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 22, 2011 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BUSINESS:**

**Zoning Ordinance Development  
Administration and Enforcement**

Nolan Wall from Stevens Engineers, and the Plan Commission reviewed recent changes that had been made to the zoning ordinance based on discussion at last month's meeting. Tracked changes and footnotes were used to see changes that were made.

### **Zoning Districts**

Under the current Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Ordinance, the following zoning districts exist in the Town of Osceola:

- Residential
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Restricted Commercial
- Industrial
- Conservancy
- Shoreland

The Plan Commission will be discussing each type of district in regard to the following:

- Permitted Uses
- Conditional Uses
- Minimum Lot Area
- Building Height
- Yards

The Plan Commission discussed permitted uses in residential districts. Conditional uses in residential districts and chickens will be discussed at the next Plan Commission meeting. Agricultural districts will be next on the list to discuss.

Nolan Wall recommended that two hour time slots be scheduled for discussion of the zoning ordinance at future meetings in order to stay on track and be cost effective.

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY SCHMIDT/WRIGHT TO RECESS THE MEETING FOR FIVE MINUTES BEFORE BEGINNING ATV USE ON TOWN ROADS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED AND SECONDED BY WRIGHT/STROM TO RECONVENE THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:24 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ATV Use On Town Roads**

#### **Consider Routes to be Opened for ATVs**

Chairman Schmidt read a letter the town received in favor of ATVs on town roads and said that others have spoke to him in favor of ATV routes in the Town. Chairman Schmidt stated that he will contact Polaris for funding of signs for ATV routes, and Plan Commission member, Wally Neumann said that the Lotus Lake ATV Club has funding available for signage.

Kirk Carlson stated that he is neither for nor against ATVs but said the town really needs to look at the safety aspect regarding ATVs on some town roads.

Nancy Knutsen stated that in the past there have been what appeared to some to be ATV races on 207<sup>th</sup> Street on weekends, much to the neighbor's dismay and asked why 20% of the population needs to be accommodated when 80% don't ride ATVs.

Plan Commission member Mike Wallis was not in attendance but provided his thoughts on ATV routes and a map outlining the routes he was in favor of. A large Town map was made available for The Plan Commission to mark which roads they wanted open to ATVs. The Plan Commission took into consideration safety and traffic counts. After a lengthy discussion, the majority of Town roads were marked as open to ATVs. Signage will be discussed a future meeting.

**Consider ATV Ordinance**

The Plan Commission discussed an ATV Ordinance briefly before agreeing to further discussion at the next Plan Commission meeting. The draft ATV Ordinance will be updated to include ATV route information.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

1. Citizens Advisory Committee meeting at the County is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
2. The Plan Commission is still short one Plan Commission member.

**SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

The next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting will be Tuesday October 18, 2011.

Agenda

Town Zoning

Finalization of ATV Routes

ATV Ordinance

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOVED, SECONDED BY STROM/MIDDLETON TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED 5 - 0.**

Being no further business to come before the Plan Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**APPROVED 10/18/11**

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Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk-Treasurer