

**TOWN OF OSCEOLA
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2011
MINUTES**
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The Plan Commission of the Town of Osceola met for a regular monthly meeting Tuesday, December 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 December 9, 2011.

CHAIRMAN DOUG SCHMIDT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Doug Schmidt, Mike Wallis, Bob Wright, Wally Neumann, and Kris Braml.

Absent: Ron Strom, Amy Middleton

ALSO PRESENT: Lorraine Rugroden - Clerk/Treasurer and Rick McGuiggan

There WAS a majority of Plan Commission members present.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WRIGHT/NEUMANN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE, DECEMBER 20, 2011 MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES ACCEPTANCE:

MOVED, SECONDED BY WALLIS/NEUMANN TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 15, 2011 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. WRIGHT ABSTAINED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BUSINESS:

Zoning Ordinance Development

Nolan Wall from Stevens Engineers and the Plan Commission reviewed changes that had been made to Ag and Ag/Residential districts based on discussion at last month's meeting.

The Plan Commission discussed permitted and conditional uses in a commercial district. Nolan Wall agreed to narrow the list of commercial uses and bring the changes to the next Plan Commission meeting.

Non-Metallic Mining Discussion

The Plan Commission had requested additional information regarding options for regulating quarry/gravel pit uses in the Town. Quarry/gravel pit uses are currently allowed as a conditional use in the Agricultural District. Chapter 14 of the Town's Code of Ordinances requires an additional permit. The Plan Commission discussed three options regarding what district would be most appropriate for a quarry/gravel pit. They included:

- Agricultural District (with a conditional use permit)
- Industrial District (with a conditional use permit)
- Mineral Extraction/Reservation District

Discussion will continue after Chairman Schmidt attends a Frac Mining Workshop in Eau Claire. He will bring back information to the Plan Commission.

Wind Energy Systems

The Plan Commission has been receiving updates on Wind Siting Guidelines and will watch closely to see how this is handled in the State Legislature as it relates to Town Zoning. Act 40 was passed in 2009 that hinders Towns from regulating Industrial Wind Turbines in their community.

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

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WRIGHT/BRAML TO RECONVENE THE PLAN COMMISSION MEETING AT 8:43 PM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ATV Use on Town Roads

• ATV Routes and Signage Requirements

Rick McGuiggan, who helped establish ATV routes in the Town of Farmington answered questions concerning ATV signage. The Plan Commission discussed the type of signs to be used, funding for signs and who will be installing signs. The number of signs has not been determined as of yet.

• ATV Ordinance

The Plan Commission discussed whether the speed limit should be set at 25 or 35 mph and decided to leave it at 35 mph. Changes to the ATV Ordinance include:

- Stay to the extreme right had side of road and single file.
- Must be at least 16 years old
- One year trial basis

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WRIGHT/WALLIS TO ADD 200TH STREET ON THE WEST SIDE OF HORSE LAKE FROM M TO 90TH AVENUE TO THE LIST OF ROADS TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ATV ROUTE. MOTION FAILED 1 – 4.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY WALLIS/NEUMANN TO RECOMMEND THE TOWN BOARD ADOPT ORDINANCE 12-01-01 ATV ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

None

SUBSEQUENT MONTH'S AGENDA DISCUSSION:

The next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting will be Tuesday January 17, 2012.

Agenda

Town Zoning

ATV On Town Roads

Frac Mining Seminar report

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED, SECONDED BY NEUMANN/WRIGHT TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 20, 2011 PLAN COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Being no further business to come before the Plan Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

APPROVED 1/17/12

Lorraine Rugroden, Clerk-Treasurer