

Special Town Board Meeting
January 19, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Public Attendees: Tom & Gae Magnafici; Neil Gustafson; Ed & Jo Everson; Jim & Donna Berg; Steve Heichel; Jeremy Utke; James Rochford; Glyn & Cindy Thorman; Jan Carlson; Dale Lindh; Jon Cronick

Town Board Roll Call: Mike Wallis; Brandon Whittaker; Warren Johnson

Brandon – Motion to abolish Planning Commission until the new Town Board is elected in Spring of 2021. Until then, the Town Board will handle all requests from citizens regarding planning / zoning issues. Motion was 2nd by Warren Johnson. However, Mike Wallis pointed out the Town of Osceola’s Code of Ordinances required the existence of a Plan Commission and Chair’s responsibility to sit on the Commission. Further, the Chair expressed concern over implications of dissolving the Plan Commission which have not been fully researched. No Vote.

After much discussion, the Board agreed to revisit topic of the Planning Commission, its operation and whether it should continue as is until the next monthly meeting in February. Brandon requested the Board look to meet on February 9th instead of February 2nd because of a conflict. Board and Clerk to confirm date of next monthly Town Board Meeting.

Brandon – Motion by Brandon and 2nd by Mike to rescind appointment of Warren Johnson to the Planning Commission based on updated research into Osceola Code of Ordinances. Vote: Yes – 3 No – 0. Motion passed.

Town’s Position on Stower Trail

- Clerk shared the Town received a letter from County Administrator requesting clarification of the Town’s position on the Stower Trail. Communications among County Board members led to confusion as to the Town’s current perspective and support of multi-use options on the Stower Trail. Clerk response on behalf of Town was to refer to the letter forwarded by the Board on June 3, 2021 which stemmed from the Annual Meeting of electors.

Mike – Motion to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Warren. ALL in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Bernie Desmarais
Interim Clerk