



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOM 5
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Larry Raikowski, Barry Jacowski, Julie Morrow, Mike Splinter, Pat Keller

Staff Attending: Kristen Johnson, Amy Heins, Chris Mrdutt, Tim Reed

Attending In-Person: Mike Schoenholtz, R. Russin, Jim Garbe, Dominique Swangstu, Richard Pingel, John Guadagni, Al Haga - County Board Chair, John Pavelski - County Executive

Attending By Phone: Jordan Brost

PUBLIC HEARING

1. REQ-2023-002 – A request by Jordan Brost, agent for John and Mary Jo Guadagni, to amend the Town of Sharon Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation of 25.07 acres included in parcels 032250910-05 and 032250910-02.06 from L3 Limited Agriculture/Mixed Use to Natural Areas Protected; and to amend the zoning classification of the same parcels as follows: 19.65 acres from A1 Exclusive Agricultural to A2 Agricultural Transition, 22.46 acres from A1 Exclusive Agricultural to Conservancy, and 2.61 from A2 Agricultural Transition to Conservancy.

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski to close the public hearing, seconded by Mike Splinter. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

2. REQ-2023-003 – A request by Luke Mykisen, to amend the Town of Almond Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation of parcels 004210918-15.02 and 004210918-16.03, containing 46.5 acres, from L1 Enterprise Agriculture to L2 Intermediate Agriculture; and to amend the zoning classification of the same parcels from A1 Exclusive Agricultural to A20 Primary Agricultural.

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski to close the public hearing, seconded by Julie Morrow. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

3. REQ-2023-004 – A request by the Town of Plover, to amend the Town of Plover Comprehensive Plan, which is incorporated into the Portage County Comprehensive Plan through Section 8.8 of said document; the amendment will add a new Solar Overlay Map and text to direct future large scale solar projects to areas that best fit overall future land use visions in the Town of Plover.

Garbe stated this update will give the Town of Plover the ability to have a discussion with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the solar company prior to plans being submitted. Swangstu stated this is not a regulatory document, just simply a guiding document to provide the PSC with information on existing development trends and sensitive areas. Barry Jacowski stated he attended the Towns public hearing and this was well received by most landowners. Barry Jacowski also stated this would give farmers an opportunity to earn income on land that they aren't currently farming. A motion was made by Barry Jacowski to close the public hearing, seconded by Pat Keller. Motion passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

REVIEW/APPROVAL

4. Review - Vouchers and Procurement Card Authorizations

Larry Raikowski noted for the record that vouchers and procurement authorizations have been reviewed.

5. Approval of March 28, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Julie Morrow, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**6. Discussion/Possible Action - John and Mary Jo Guadagni (REQ-2023-002) - Town of Sharon**

A motion was made by Julie Morrow, seconded by Barry Jacowski, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

7. Discussion/Possible Action - Luke Mykisen (REQ-2023-003) - Town of Almond

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

8. Discussion/Possible Action - Town of Plover (REQ-2023-004)

A motion was made by Mike Splinter, seconded by Pat Keller, to approve. Motion to approve passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

9. Discuss/Possible Action – Adopting and Enacting Portage County Ordinance Section 7.12, Weed Commissioner and Noxious Weeds

Barry Jacowski moved to postpone for 120 days, seconded by Julie Morrow. Motion to postpone passed by voice vote, with no negative votes.

10. Discussion/Possible Action - Private Sewage System Ordinance Amendments

- 3,380 septic systems on properties 1 acre or less
- 1,193 septic systems on properties a half acre or less
- Denitrification systems would cost approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 more for a typical 3-bedroom home
- Holding tanks are already approved on properties that are too small to fit a standard septic system

Barry Jacowski moved to bring the Ordinance back for public hearing in May. The motion was seconded by Pat Keller, and passed by voice vote.

11. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- Request for special meeting attendance
- Approval of attendance of special meetings
- Special meeting attendance reports

Barry Jacowski moved to approve Mike Splinters attendance at the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention. The motion was seconded by Julie Morrow, and passed by voice vote.

REPORTS**12. 2023 U.S Senior Open Championship****13. County Comprehensive Plan**

Johnson stated at their first meeting, the Committee approved the Public Participation Plan which will be coming to the P&Z Committee in May for review/approval. The next Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting will be June 15, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next standard meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM. in Conference Room 5.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barry Jacowski, seconded by Mike Splinter, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

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