

PORTAGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM 5, COUNTY ANNEX
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023 - 2:00 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance	MUNICIPALITY	MEMBERS NAME	Attendance
TOWNS:			TOWNS:		
Alban	Ray Oksuita	Absent	Sharon	Bill Gibbs	Present
Almond	Michael Copas	Present	Stockton	Mike Bronk	Absent
Amherst	Brenna Olson	Present	VILLAGES:		
Belmont	Vacant		Almond	Brian Roehrborn	Absent
Buena Vista	Paul Cieslewicz	Present	Amherst	Dave Crubaugh	Present
Carson	John Jazdzewski	Present	Amherst Junction	Karen Shulfer	Absent
Dewey	Rhonda Hollfelder	Absent	Junction City	Alex Peden	Present
Dewey Alt	Kathy Girolamo	Present	Nelsonville	Walter Leppen	Present
Eau Pleine	Roger Skrzeczkoski Sr	Present	Park Ridge	Vacant	
Eau Pleine Alt	Andrew Stashek	Present	Plover	Dominique Swangstu	Present
Grant	Ron Becker	Present	Plover Alt	Adam Dekleyn	Present
Hull	Dave Wilz	Present	Rosholt	Bob Kurszewski	Present
Lanark	Bill McKee	Present	Whiting	Dean Curtis	Present
Linwood	Jason Glisczynski	Present	CITY:		
New Hope	Ray Reser	Present	Stevens Point	Mike Wiza	-----
Pine Grove	Jeanette Wilson	Present	Stevens Point Alt	Ryan Kernosky	Present
Plover	Jim Garbe	Present			

STAFF PRESENT: Tim Reed, Kristen Johnson, and Amy Heins, Planning and Zoning Department.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Lawrence and Sam Wessel – North Central Wis. Regional Planning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Johnson.

2. PUBLIC NOTICE: *Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their requests at this time with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.* No one registered to speak.

3. INTRODUCTION

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Johnson called for nomination for Chair. Glisczynski was nominated. Hearing no further nominations, Johnson called for a motion. Crubaugh made a motion to nominate Glisczynski as Chair; seconded by Gibbs. Motion passed by voice vote.

Glisczynski called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Swangstu was nominated. Hearing no further nominations, Glisczynski called for a vote to nominate Swangstu as Vice-Chair. Swangstu appointed Vice-Chair by voice vote.

5. OVERVIEW OF PLANNING/MEETING PROCESS

Presentation on file. Plan to work through the plan and wrap up by December 2023.

6. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) TO PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

- #3 needs a period at the end of the sentence
- #4 should state "Portage County Planning and Zoning Department"
- End of section I should state "recommend adoption of the Comprehensive Plan **by resolution.**"

Garbe moved to approve as amended. Motion seconded by Skrzeczkoski, which passed by voice vote.

7. REVIEW/DISCUSS THE EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Goals/Objectives/Policies are a little redundant and need to be simplified
- Comprehensive Plan is built off all individual municipality's comprehensive plans

8. DISCUSS CURRENT ISSUES

- Broadband in rural areas
- Renewable Energy (land-use) needs to be added
- Solar Farms
- Water Quality in Mill Creek (Linwood/Carson)
- Urban Sprawl/Protect Agricultural Land
- Mega Farms/Housing of Livestock
- Quality Housing/Redevelopment
- Sustainability of climate planning

Glisczynski stressed the importance of sharing these issues with the proper experts, so they attend these meetings, and the issues are addressed.

9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION RE: CHAPTER 1: BACKGROUND & DEMOGRAPHICS

- Include language about demographics on UW students being transient
- Page 5 should state Portage County, not Vilas County
- Page 6 – Village of Milladore, remove “no people living there” as it does have a housing facility

Glisczynski stated we will work through the plan making changes along the way, and then go back at the end for a final review, and we can make further changes if needed.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is tentatively set for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

McKee moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Reser. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.