

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, November 6, 2008
MINUTES**

Chairperson, Mark Olson, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah "Linn" Newton, Martha DeLong, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe and John McCue. Member absent: Patrick Bateson.

Town Clerk Henk affirmed the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meetings law.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to approve the agenda with the addition under New Business (4.) Discuss options of selective harvest on sewer plant set aside town property. Motion carried.

The minutes of the October 2, 2008 meeting were read. Motion by Grothe, seconded by DeLong to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- Donna (Ronald) Stuart rezone approved.

ZONING:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Planning Committee members inspected area behind Town Hall to find suitable site for a public pavilion and play area. Discussion followed regarding size of structure and estimated costs. Chairperson Olson stated the committee will need to get estimated costs from area builders for grant applications. Olson reported he spoke to Ed Slaminski, Spooner DNR, and was told the new filing year for grants begins on January 1, 2009 and applications are due in May. DNR grants are then ranked and approved in June or July and funds must first be expended before they will reimburse you for their approved portion. Olson also stated DNR grants require the Town's portion for the park to be a line item in the budget and perhaps the budget may need to be amended to accommodate this. The Town may also apply for Federal grants and funds available from Sawyer County using the American Transmission Company (ATC) money they received, which originally was to be used for recreational purposes only.
- 2.) Chairperson Olson reported Windigo Boat Landing has been asphalted and is now complete.
- 3.) Chairperson Olson presented a large aerial map of the area for the proposed snowshoe/walking trail and reported he met with Dale Olson and Tim Siedle from Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation to discuss options due to wetland areas. Dale recommended doing a select cutting on Town and County land at the same time to not only help offset the cost for the Town, but to cut where the trail will go at the same time. Chairperson Olson stated Supervisor Nies will contact the Lac Courte Orielle Tribal Board and property owner, Joan Jacobowski to see if they would allow the trail to go across their property as well. Discussion followed regarding having a longer trail for snowshoeing and a shorter walking trail in the summer, due to wetland restrictions.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding proposed Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 17.8 (F1 Forestry District). Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to recommend approval as written. Motion carried.
- 2.) Discussion followed regarding proposed Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance Amendment to Section 18.5 (Residence-Minimum Floor Area). Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to recommend approval as written. Motion carried.
- 3.) Chairperson Olson explained the consideration of storage buildings at campsites was discussed at the October 17, 2008 Sawyer County Business Meeting and cited Section 6.7 of their minutes. Discussion followed regarding possibility of allowing permanent placement of storage buildings, as well as definition of campgrounds.
- 4.) Discussion followed regarding pursuing the option of cutting a selective harvest on sewer plant set aside town property by Lac Courte Orielles Lake and using those funds for recreational/park purposes.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Grothe to adjourn meeting at 8:08 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Dawn Henk, Clerk
Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County