

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE  
SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
February 5, 2009  
MINUTES**

Chairperson, Mark Olson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah “Linn” Newton, Vice Chairperson Patrick Bateson, Martha DeLong, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe. Members absent: John McCue. Phil Nies present as Town Board representative.

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

Motion by Newton, seconded by DeLong to approve the agenda with the addition of one item under New Business; 8.) Grant from LCO Tribe. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 4, 2008 meeting were read. Motion by Bateson, seconded by Friendshuh to approve minutes. Motion carried.

No correspondence to report.

**ZONING:**

- 1.) Conditional Use Application – Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. has applied for a three (3) year renewal of conditional use permit #00-003 for the location/operation of a non-metallic mineral extraction, including a rock crusher, which was approved at public hearing on February 15, 2001 and renewed February 17, 2006. Said property is registered in accordance with the Wisconsin Administrative Code as a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit. Two letters received by Zoning with no objections. Discussion followed. Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by Bateson to approve with condition that the owner must maintain compliance with the requirements of NR135 Non-metallic mining reclamation & Sawyer County Ordinance for Non-metallic Mining Reclamation. Motion carried. Finding of Fact: The change in conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance and the Town of Bass Lake’s Comprehensive Plan (Section 8.10) because: it would not destroy prime agricultural lands and it would not create an objectionable view.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Chairperson Olson reported Kris Mayberry, Sawyer County Clerk, would inquire at the next Finance Meeting when the Town will receive the approved \$16,000.00 for the Town Hall Park.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Planning Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed revision of Sawyer County Zoning Sign Ordinance-Section 5.0. Supervisor Nies reported the County Sign Ordinance has not be updated since 1971 and there are some signs currently up

- in which the businesses no longer exist, but there is no current way to get rid of them. Friendshuh suggested having County permits for all signs that include language for its removal, so the County has the right to take the sign down and charge this expense back to the property owner. Friendshuh also noted there will sometimes be an issue though, because the property owner is not necessarily always the owner of the sign. DeLong stated the Town of Hayward requires a permit sticker be placed on the sign and if the establishment goes out of business and does not take down their sign, then the person named on the permit receives a fine. Nies stated he would pass these suggestions along at the next County Zoning meeting.
- 2.) Planning Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed amendment of Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance-Section 10.0 Nonconforming Uses. Supervisor Nies clarified the County basically would like to make this amendment to clarify State mandates that are already in place. Motion by Newton, seconded by Bateson to recommend approval. Motion carried.
  - 3.) Planning Committee reviewed and discussed the evaluation of the Sawyer County Zoning Department Services. Motion by DeLong, seconded by Grothe to pass recommendations on to the Town Board. Motion carried. Recommendations on file.
  - 4.) Discussion followed regarding miscellaneous proposed changes to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinances. Supervisor Nies clarified these are for informational purposes only at this point and provided a list of items that may be discussed at future Sawyer County Zoning meetings to the Planning Committee. He encouraged any suggestions or comments. Copy on file.
  - 5.) Chairperson Olson stated specifications are needed for the Town Hall Park so bids can be published. Discussion followed regarding size, layout, building materials desired for pavilion, as well as picnic tables and a climbing platform/swing for children. DeLong inquired if the High School Wood Class students or Boy Scouts could construct the picnic tables if the Town supplied all necessary materials. Nies suggested a false ceiling for the pavilion to discourage nesting birds, as well as including a completion date for entire project with a payment schedule for contractor in the bid. Committee members will investigate further and compile bid specifications at next month's meeting.
  - 6.) Discussion followed regarding Northwoods Beach Lot Size requirements and proposed Town of Bass Lake Resolution #02-09-2009. Supervisor Nies reported Sawyer County Zoning is contemplating making changes regarding setbacks and the Town currently has four different subdivisions in the Northwoods Beach area that have reduced setbacks so people can still build with a minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet. Motion by Grothe, seconded by Friendshuh to approve recommendation of proposed Resolution #02-09-2009. Motion carried.
  - 7.) Discussion followed regarding proposed Northwoods Mennonite Church cemetery. Supervisor Nies explained the Town is currently negotiating terms of an agreement and that the Northwoods Mennonite Church will need to have a plat completed, as well as to obtain rezone and conditional use permits to finalize. Chairperson Olson stated the only concern is the Town's responsibility for perpetual care in the event the Church ever moves out of the area. Motion by Olson, seconded by Newton to recommend approval of the cemetery as long as the details regarding perpetual care are worked out. All in favor: Olson, Newton, Bateson, DeLong, Grothe. Member abstained: Friendshuh. Motion carried.
  - 8.) Discussion followed regarding possible monies from the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board for improving the small boat landing on Lac Courte Oreilles Lake.

Supervisor Nies requested Chairperson Olson draft a letter to the Tribal Board requesting a 50/50 matching grant fund to improve the boat landing.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Bateson to adjourn meeting at 8:12 P.M. Motion carried.

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