

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE  
SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Thursday, March 4, 2010  
MINUTES**

Chairperson, Mark Olson, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah “Linn” Newton, Martha DeLong, Steve Friendshuh, Mark Laustrup and Phil Nies. Members absent: Brian Bisonette and Dan Grothe.

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

Motion by Newton, seconded by Laustrup to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes of the December 3, 2009 meeting were presented to the committee. Motion by Laustrup, seconded by Friendshuh to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- Linda (Kremer) Reed variance was denied.

**ZONING:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding Town Hall Park Pavilion. Nies reported the final decision from the Fire Department was to buy a large portable grill instead of building a BBQ pit behind the Hall. Chairperson Olson expressed concern over whether or not it would need a foundation. Newton inquired as to if a storage shed would be needed for it as well. Nies reported Treasurer Aderman is ordering signage for the park and John and Teresa McCue have volunteered to install the message board. Planning Committee decided to install a split rail fence and some plantings to prevent people from driving over the Town lawn and septic. Chairperson Olson stated there are some projects left over from last year and the playground equipment will probably be held off until those are done. Olson estimated it would cost approximately \$4,000.00 for a playground set with swings from Menard's. Discussion followed regarding trying to move current swing-set if possible without damaging it and using pea gravel or chewed up rubber, etc. as a safe base for the playground equipment. Nies stated last year he was quoted a price of \$8,000 for a view shed to put on the donated property on Williams Road. He will ask again and see if the price has gone down. Discussion followed regarding looking long term into the possibility of the Town purchasing “green space” as it becomes available adjacent to currently owned Town property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) 2010 Park projects already discussed.
- 2.) Proposed text amendment to Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance 4.411 Land Disturbing Activities within the Shorelands Area was presented to the committee. Nies clarified the

proposed change would require applicants to obtain a conditional use permit. Discussion followed. Motion by Newton, seconded by Lastrup to recommend approval. Motion carried.

- 3.) Proposed Sawyer County Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance was presented to the committee. Discussion followed. Nies stated there are currently five going up in Sawyer County in “cherry picked” population base areas, yet there is no leverage for better coverage in remote rural areas and that Sawyer County is now going to receive \$2,000.00 per tower. Olson stated current towers should be maxed out before new ones are constructed. Lastrup stated he would like to add some additional detailed comments to improve the document language. Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to recommend approval with additional comments to be provided by Lastrup to Clerk Henk by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.
- 4.) Proposed Sawyer County Permitting Process for Short Term Vacation Rentals was presented to the committee. Discussion followed regarding enforcement issues and necessity of a permit. DeLong stated individuals currently already need to have a State license if they want to rent out their property, regardless of the number of days rented. Nies stated the Town has only received one complaint in the past at the old Chicago Club and he personally does not feel the ordinance would be advantageous.
- 5.) Discussion followed regarding cluster development. Nies stated current ordinance doesn't cover this and urged committee to review proposal as it will be coming up in the near future at Zoning.
- 6.) Discussion followed regarding the Town website. Chairperson Olson reported he found the Town's Comprehensive Plan CD's and suggested adding it to the website if there is available space. Nies suggested perhaps having a map showing public access and some pictures of the Town's Parks and Pavilions. Olson stated he would like to see map 8.4-Future Land Use on the website if possible. DeLong stated Sawyer County currently has the entire Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan, including all the maps on their website. Henk reported the Town already has a link on the Town's main page to the Sawyer County website. Clerk Henk will inquire if the Town website has room for entire Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan. Lastrup will take some pictures of the Town's Parks and Pavilions to include on website.

Motion by Newton, seconded by DeLong to adjourn meeting at 7:42 P.M. Motion carried.

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