

TOWN OF BASS LAKE, SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Thursday, July 2, 2009  
MINUTES

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

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.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to no longer read the Planning Committee minutes out loud prior to approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by Newton to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Mark Laustrup took his oath for a 3-year term to expire April 30, 2012.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning-Vaughn Skille conditional use for gravel pit approved.

**ZONING:**

- 1.) Variance Application- Phillip King and Judith Newberry has applied for a variance permit for the construction of a proposed addition located closer than 75' to OHWM of Spring Lake and the dwellings existing footprint is 1,158 square feet and will increase to 1,806 square feet including the proposed additions. The variance as requested would restrict the dwelling footprint to not more than 1,500 square feet and would prohibit the roofing or screening of that part of the deck that is located closer than 75' to the ordinary high water mark of the lake. Applicant present. Letter from Applicant on file. Two letters received from Zoning with no objections. Nies reported he met with the Lake Association and they had no objections. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the small corner of the deck that is encroaching was built 35 years ago and although the Town is very protective of wetlands and shorelines, this particular case

would put a ridiculous architectural burden on the owners due to the roofline of the building. Motion by Friendshuh, seconded by Laustrup to approve with the condition the applicant will provide a mitigation plan that is approved by the Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation. Motion carried. Finding of Fact; The variance 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 special conditions unique to the property are topographical. The steep slope and the toe of the shoreline have most likely changed over the past 35 years when the deck was originally built. There would be no harm to the public interest because the deck has been in place over 35 years and the variance would have a "de minimus" effect on impervious surface and any infringement of the 75' setback. The current non-conformity would not be increased by granting of variance. It would be an unreasonable burden to the owners by requiring them to make adjustments to the deck that would be a "distinction without a difference".

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Nies reported CDD Construction has started on the Town Hall Park Pavilion and it is supposed to be completed by July 15, 2009. Discussion followed regarding grills and sign for Park. McCue will look into prices for grills. Committee agreed to use the same company and logo that was used at the Grindstone Shallows Park. Clerk Henk will check records as to who made that sign.
- 2.) Nies reported Sawyer County Land Division Ordinance has almost reached its final revision and the Sawyer County Septic Systems needs to be entirely revamped due to State requirements and funding they have received. Nies also stated the Sawyer County Sign Ordinance has been tabled until September due to meeting time constraints.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding Park Ordinance 2007-5-14. Motion by Newton, seconded by Olson to recommend the following two changes to the Bass Lake Park Ordinance 2007-5-14. Change Section 3. DEFINITIONS (c) to read: "Permit-any written license issued by or under the authority of the Town permitting a special event or activity on park facilities, which may include a temporary liquor license." Change Section 9.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (a) to read: “Bring into the park, possess, drink, use or transport in the park any controlled substances, or any alcoholic beverages without a permit, or to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance in the park, as said term of “Controlled Substance” is defined in Wisconsin Law.” Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding a park rules sign that would cost approximately \$50.00 for the Town Hall Park Pavilion that would include language stating that no alcoholic beverages are allowed except by permit.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Friendshuh to adjourn at 7:19 P.M.  
Motion carried.

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