

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, July 3, 2008
MINUTES**

Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Members present: Chairperson Mark Olson, Secretary Sarah "Linn" Newton, Patrick Bateson, Steve Friendshuh, Dan Grothe and John McCue.

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

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

The minutes of the June 5, 2008 meeting were read. Motion by Bateson, seconded by Newton to approve minutes as read with the correction that four grills were purchased for Grindstone Shallows Park instead of three. Motion carried.

Dan Grothe and Steve Friendshuh took their oaths for 3-year terms to expire April 30, 2011.

Motion by Newton, seconded by Grothe to appoint Mark Olson as the Chairperson. Motion carried.

Chairperson Olson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning- M. McCann variance approved and J. Anderson rezone application was rescheduled for July 11, 2008.

ZONING:

- 1.) Variance Application-Linda (Kremer) Reed has applied for an after-the-fact variance for the construction of an approximately 504 square foot addition connecting an existing dwelling to an existing detached garage. The resultant total footprint of the existing structures and the addition is approximately 2,588 square feet. Approximate setbacks to the ordinary high water mark of Durphee Lake are: dwelling= 53' and the addition= 81'. The variance as requested would require that the total footprint, to include the existing structures (dwelling and garage) and the connecting addition, not exceed 1,500 square feet. Applicant was not present. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Newton, seconded by Grothe to deny. Motion carried. Finding of Fact: The variance would be contrary to the public interest and would not 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 be damaging to the rights of others or property values, it would create topographical problems such as run off, drainage, erosion, flooding or vegetative cover removal and it would not be compatible with the surrounding uses and the area.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) No new update to report on Windigo Boat Landing.
- 2.) Park Plan- Discussion followed regarding creating a snowshoe/walking trail near Grindstone Shallows Park on property owned by the Town, as well as some property owned by Sawyer County using the current reciprocal agreement with them. Dorothy Brueggen will contact Nancy and Jim Albertin to see if they still have the GPS coordinates and topographical maps for the trail location and if they would be willing to mark it off with surveyors tape.

Discussion followed regarding brushing and maintaining the trail once it is marked, and if gravel or bark could be used to bed the trail and small wooden bridges could be used in low lying areas to protect the wetlands. Dorothy Brueggen reported the Fire Department would like the BBQ Pit left in front of the Fire Hall, but repairs need to be made to the roof. Secretary Newton reported Dale Olson from Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation is currently compiling a list of approved bushes that could be planted at Grindstone Shallows Park to replace the plants in the Restoration Area, as well as markers that will identify the new plants. She will contact Olson regarding obtaining one more Shoreland Restoration Project sign. The Planning Committee recommended the Highway Crew install the restoration signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Discussion followed regarding placing privacy fence in front of the restrooms at the Grindstone Shallows Park. Friendshuh stated he would contact local lumberyards and see if he could get some of the materials donated to the Town. McCue recommended using treated pine and cementing in the posts similar to the public restrooms in Hayward and he will contact Friendshuh with materials needed for the project once he gets the measurements. Dorothy Brueggen stated she has two 6'x8' panels she would donate to the Town. Motion by Bateson, seconded by Grothe to recommend the Town Board to try to obtain donated material and the total cost to not exceed \$250.00 to install a privacy fence. Motion carried.
- 2.) Chairperson Olson reported there is a Zoning meeting to be held on July 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. regarding the Wilderness Lake Classification that the public is welcome to attend.

Motion made by Bateson, seconded by Friendshuh to adjourn meeting at 7:40 P.M. Motion carried.

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