

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, January 4, 2007**

MINUTES

Chairperson, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Dave Aubart, Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson, Phil Nies and Mark Olson. Member absent: Jeff Schultz. A motion was made by Chevrier, seconded by Cowan to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Correspondence received from UW-Extension Office. There will be a Planning Committee Workshop held on January 17, 2007 and members are invited to attend. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Motion by Iverson, seconded by Cowan to approve the minutes with the correction "2007" replace "2006" to read "The next meeting will be on January 4, 2007..." Motion carried.

ZONING:

Updates received from Sawyer County Zoning Administration: Conditional Use Application-B. Bramhall was approved with conditions and Rezone Application-J. Jones was approved.

- 1.) Variance Application – Thomas Antell has applied for a variance for the construction of four small additions varying in size from approximately 6'6" x 8' to 8' x 10' onto an existing dwelling with a new roof over the entire structure, with the dwelling being located 27' to the centerline of Lincoln Street and 22' to the rear lot line; all exceeding 50% of the current estimated fair market value of the dwelling. Applicant and builder R. Rooney present. Seven letters were returned with no objections. Two calls received, no objections. Discussion followed. Four audience members in favor. Of those four, S. Snyder in favor encouraging improvements, but would like to see it set back farther from road. Motion by Iverson, seconded by Cowan to approve. Motion carried. Finding of Fact: The variance would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because: there would be no change in the use in the zone district and it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Park Committee Chair – Nies reported trying to contact T-M-J Signs repeatedly, but has not yet received a response.
- 2.) Chevrier reported on exterior completion of buildings. The Uniform Dwelling Codes state that the exterior needs to be completed within two years after the issuance of a permit. Discussion followed regarding definition of exterior completion and enforcement. Chevrier will investigate further by calling Madison for clarification.
- 2.) Chevrier presented the Gerrish Township ordinance to the committee, which could possibly be used as a basis for a Park Ordinance in our township. Nies reported the county would enforce the town's ordinance and the town could issue citations and penalties. The members will review and discuss at a later date.
- 3.) The Chairperson of the Planning Committee needs to be changed due to currently violating town ordinance. Motion by Olson, seconded by Chevrier to appoint Iverson as the Chairperson and Aubart for the Vice Chairperson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Sawyer County Zoning has contacted the Town regarding the Commercial Area in Northwoods Beach. At some point, a block of lots North of Highway K got shifted on zoning maps and currently the same lots are bisected with one half being zoned residential and the other half commercial. Zoning is requesting a letter from the Town Board on the desired zoning. Discussion followed. Motion by Iverson, seconded by Aubart to recommend new delineation of the map from Grindstone Avenue to John Morton Drive and from Highway K to Maple Street.
- 2.) The Workshop date had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Motion made by Chevrier, seconded by Iverson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM. The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

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