

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

MINUTES

Chairperson, Russ Iverson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present; Dave Aubart, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson, Sarah "Linn" Newton, Phil Nies and Mark Olson. Members absent; Patrick Bateson.

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cowan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September 6, 2007 meeting were read. Motion by Olson, seconded by Cowan to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Iverson introduced newest member, Sarah "Linn" Newton and she took her oath.

Chairperson Iverson read correspondence from Sawyer County Zoning-G. Bartz rezone application was approved at Zoning and Cranberry Ridge, LLC rezone and conditional use has been tabled and the application will go before Zoning at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator, when DNR permit and appeal process are complete.

ZONING:

1. Variance Application-Robert Marienfeld Trust has applied for a variance for the installation of a driveway access onto County Highway KK at a setback distance of 142' to the closest driveway. Discussion followed. Nies contacted Gary Gedart from Sawyer County Highway Department and he clarified the County cannot grant a permit without getting town approval first if driveways are to be within 300 feet of each other, even though it is located on a County Highway. Motion by Cowan, seconded by Aubart to recommend approval. 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: 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.
2. Variance Application- Scott and Jolynn Gamble have applied for a variance for the construction of a 10' x 12' bedroom addition onto the landward side of an existing dwelling at a setback distance of 2' from a wetland area. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion by Cowan, seconded by Iverson 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 for the convenience of the owner, it would be the basis of economic gain or loss and it would not be due to special conditions unique to the property.

3. Update regarding Cranberry Ridge, LLC rezone & conditional use applications was given. Nies stated testimonies were given at DNR public hearing and that it has been tabled at Zoning so permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and WI DNR can be obtained.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cowan reported the Grindstone Shallows Park sign will be ready early next week.
2. Parking at Lac Courte Oreilles & Windigo Boat Landings- Discussion followed regarding Lac Courte Oreilles Boat Landing. Nies reported the Board is still considering based upon if the lots are for sale and if they are located in wetlands. Nies will meet with Dale Olson for wetland determination. Nies stated the town has an obligation to the public to provide as much public access to water as possible without endangering wildlife.

Discussion followed regarding Windigo Boat Landing. Nies stated the Board gave permission to fix it. Dale Olson has started the grant process for a slab and if approved, slab can be installed next spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Olson to appoint Sarah “Linn” Newton as Planning Committee Secretary. Motion carried.
2. Discussion followed regarding donation of a 2.32 acre outlot on Kadlec and Highline Road from Gary and Suzanne Bartz. Motion by Olson, seconded by Aubart to recommend Town accept donation if the Bartz’s incur the cost to transfer the deed to the Town. Motion carried.

Motion by Cowan, seconded by Aubart to adjourn meeting at 7:34 P.M. Motion carried.

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