

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE
SAWYER COUNTY
PLANNING COMMITTEE & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Thursday, April 6, 2006**

MINUTES

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Nies introduced the newest member of the committee, Dave Aubart. Members present: Dave Aubart, Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Russ Iverson, Phil Nies and Jeff Schultz. A motion was made by Chevrier, seconded by Iverson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Correspondence – Nies reported on the progress of the Thoroughfare Bridge Project. E. Yanish had called the town hall to report that the water was flowing backwards, from Little Lac Courte Oreilles to Lac Courte Oreilles. This was a result of the heavy rains. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Cowan motioned to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

ZONING:

The J. and E. Packee application was denied by the Town Board. Their application before the Sawyer County Board of Appeals was tabled at the applicant's request. It will be reconsidered at the next BOA on April 18th.

Discussion took place regarding the decisions that are being made and their future impact on the town.

1. Zoning Amendment – 4.23 Driveways and 18.0 Dimensional Requirements.

Nies reported that in Stone Lake, the Town vacated some alleys and roads to facilitate construction in a previously created subdivision. The area is served by public sewer. The amendment would reduce dimensional requirements for driveways and lot size with areas served by a public sewer. Discussion followed about a definition of a public versus private sewer. Motion made by Iverson, seconded by Cowan, to recommend approval with the stipulation that the definition of the public sewer be included in the amendment. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PARK COMMITTEE –

a) Grindstone Shallows – Nies reported on the bids for the park. The only portion approved at the March town meeting was for the sign.

b) Lake Association letter – Nies read a letter received from B. Paulsen, Grindstone Lake Association, about doing a buffer strip at Grindstone Shallows. Nies talked to D. Olson, Sawyer County Soil and Water Conservation Department, about public access to lakes and some type of buffer strip. Chevrier will draft a letter to the GLA. Nies also read a letter from S. Suhsen about the park. Discussion followed.

The discussion returned to the bids for the park. A comparison was done on the bids. Nies reported that the Town will receive money from the new power line and the money should be used for recreational purposes. A motion was made by Olsen, seconded by Iverson, recommending R & S Builders to do the project. Motion carried. This will be conveyed to the Town Board. Chevrier presented information to the committee about picnic tables and benches for the park. She will contact C. Hanus, Deputy Town Clerk, to have these items purchased.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Northwest Regional Planning commission – The town received a survey about goals for the Planning Committee. Chevrier will complete the survey and return to Northwest Regional Planning.

The next meeting is May 4th at 6:30 PM. Chevrier moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
Respectfully submitted, Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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