

**TOWN OF BASS LAKE  
SAWYER COUNTY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, September 1st, 2005**

**MINUTES**

Chairman, Phil Nies, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Helen Chevrier, Frank Cowan, Cindy Hanus, Russ Iverson, Phil Nies and Jeff Schultz. A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Cowan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Correspondence –will be covered under New Business. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Cowan motioned to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried.

**ZONING:**

K. and R. Wiederin – Board of Appeals approved their application as submitted. They will return for a Conditional Use Permit on the impervious surface rule.

K. and P. DeMain - both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County approved the application as recommended.

S. Snyder - both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County approved the application as recommended.

A. Buck - both the Town of Bass Lake and Sawyer County approved the application as recommended.

1. Rezone –R. Bernier has applied for a rezone from F1 to RR1 to create residential lots. Parcel is 10 acres. No letters were returned. The parcel will be divided into 3 lots of 4, 3 and 3 acres. Access is off an easement road. Discussion followed. Motion made by Cowan, seconded by Schultz, for approval with the condition that no further subdivision be done. Motion carried. Finding of fact: The change in zone district and /or conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values, it would not create an air quality, water supply or pollution problem and it would not create traffic or highway access problems.

2. Rezone –M. Sawyer has applied for a rezone from F1 and Ag1 to Ag2 for creation of 5 acre parcels. One letter returned with no objection. Sawyer was given some erroneous information from Sawyer County Zoning Office, per agent, J. Mulock. He stated that rezone should be RR1. He presented a topographical map of the area. One member of the community spoke in favor of the change. Discussion followed. Motion made by Hanus, seconded by Iverson, to recommend approval. Motion carried. Findings of fact: The change in zone district and /or conditional use would not be contrary to the public interest and would be in compliance with the spirit of the zoning ordinance because it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values, it would not create topographical problems such as run off, drainage, erosion, flooding or vegetative cover removal, and it would not create an objectionable view.

3. Variance –F. White has applied for a variance for the construction of a dwelling with a retail shop at a setback of 46' 6" to the centerline of Heinrich Ave. Ordinance requires a setback of 63 feet to the centerline. Five letters have been returned with no objections. Discussion followed. Motion made by Cowan for approval, seconded by Chevrier. 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 it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would be due to special conditions unique to the property

4. Variance – C. and N. Risjord have applied for a variance for the construction of an addition onto an existing dwelling at a setback of 37 feet to the centerline of Thunder Point Road. The existing dwelling is located 38 feet from the OHWM of Windego Lake. Ordinance requires a setback of 63 feet to the centerline and 40 feet to the OHWM to navigable waters. The parcel is 1.5 acres. Three letters were returned with no objections. Discussion followed. Motion made by Iverson for approval, seconded by Schultz. 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 it would not be damaging to the rights of others or property values and it would be due to special conditions unique to the property

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. PARK COMMITTEE – Grindstone Shallows – Nies reported that the Town had received a letter from Sawyer County Zoning regarding the variance on the property. Discussion followed on relocation of the bathrooms or to do a variance or conditional use permit. Iverson reported that fencing, shrubbery and sign should be done this year. Bids are to be opened at the upcoming town meeting.
2. NUISANCE ORDINANCE –Nies reported that the ordinance is on the agenda for the town meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Grindstone Boat Landing – Nies reported that the Grindstone Lake Association (GLA) went to the DNR re dredging a channel at the landing. Iverson reported that the DNR is proposing redoing the concrete. L. Newton reported on the GLA efforts and permit application. M. Olson questioned several aspects of the landing repair. Discussion followed. The topic will be considered at the town meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Windego Boat Landing - Nies reported on a letter from L. Walton regarding the property ownership. He read the entire letter to the committee. T. Gould is starting to do the preliminary work on the survey of the property. Discussion followed.

The next meeting is October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Chevrier moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Hanus. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Chevrier, Secretary.

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