

Springfield Plan Commission Meeting
Springfield Town Hall
Monday, April 11, 2011 @ 7:30 p.m.

Call to order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Jeff Gabrysiak. Kate Hetzer, Scott Laufenberg, George Pasdirtz, Jeff Endres, Jim Pulvermacher, Karen Crook and Office Assistant Jan Barman were present. Also present: Chad Holiday, Hank Hoenecke, Elliott Long and Jim Wills. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law

Office Assistant Jan Barman reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, Bong Excavating on Schneider Rd and on the website.

Minutes for February 7, 2011

Motion (Crook/Laufenberg) to approve the February 7, 2011 minutes. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

Informal Public Comment Time - Jeff Gabrysiak inquired about someone who was taking pictures in their neighborhood for the purpose of possible wind turbines. Jim Pulvermacher informed us about a company going around in several towns to locate possible sites for wind turbines. Also, Dane County Zoning is working on passing an ordinance requiring all wind turbines to be required to apply for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for towns and county to weigh in on the locations.

Land Division for Marie Ziegler Rev Trust, Jim Rawson, agent, Sec 35 – request from owner to postpone until further notice.

FUDA Public Participation Plan

Office Assistant Jan Barman read a memo from Clerk/Treasurer Sherri Endres on FUDA (Future Urban Development Area). Sherri and Town Board Chair Don Hoffman have been attending monthly meetings. Advantages for this grant are the mapping capabilities, update figures which have become out of date, etc that we would normally have to pay for ourselves and then could be used to update our comprehensive plan. FUDA focuses on water quality planning, land use (density) planning and Farmland Preservation. Jan then passed out the Public Participation Plan to the Commissioners. If possible the Plan Commission would like to discuss this at our May meeting.

Interview Plan Commission Applicant

The Plan Commission interviewed Elliott Long to possibly fill the vacant commission position. Elliott explained his interest in being on the commission. He would like to see the town stay agricultural, rural and clean.

Jeff Gabrysiak excused from Commission and Jeff Endres took over the Chair duties.

Recommendation for Plan Commission Appointments

Motion (Hetzer/Pulvermacher) to recommend to the Town Board that Jeff Gabrysiak be appointed to the Plan Commission for another 3 year term. Motion carried, 6 – 0.

Jeff Gabrysiak returned to the Commission and took over the Chair duties.

Motion (Endres/Hetzer) to take a vote for the Plan Commission position. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

Motion (Pasdirtz/Laufenberg) to recommend to the Town Board that Elliott Long be appointed to the Plan Commission for a 3 year term. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

For discussion: Chad Holiday, Sec 15, outbuilding

Chad Holiday would like to build a large shed for storage of inventory for his business. He has a 2.73 acre lot in a subdivision. Sherri had previously emailed Hans Hilbert (Dane County Zoning Inspector) and his suggestion was to change the zoning to A-2(2) to allow for the family business. After asking Chad about the neighborhood and the delivery traffic and the size of the building, they did not encourage him to return with a rezone request as this use does not fit in this subdivision which is residential.

Committee Reports

Jim Pulvermacher reported that the Commission should request that the Town Board send a letter or make an appointment to talk to the newly elected County Executive Joe Parisi to promote the TDR program and seek the County's approval before moving forward. Jeff Endres and George Pasdirtz would prefer to meet with the County Exec and review the program instead of the Dane County staff as they feel we know our plan better. The Commission agreed.

Jim also suggested a letter be sent to Kate Hetzer to thank her for her time and talent on the Plan Commission.

Also it was requested that the Chair and Vice-Chair positions be put on the next agenda.

Office Assistant's Report

Jan reminded the Commission of the Annual meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., handed out updates to Chapter 10 and noted that voter turnout for the April election was very high with 957 voters which is a 56% turnout.

Adjourn

Motion (Pulvermacher/Hetzer) to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried, 7 – 0.

Jan Barman
Office Assistant