

**PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OF GRANT
March 4, 2015**

Present: Jim Wendels (Chairman), Cynthia Welling (Secretary), Lori Ruess, Sharon Schwab, Ron Becker and Nathan Wolosek (committee members) and Marty Rutz (Zoning Administrator).

Citizens Present: Russ Brody

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Jim Wendels.

STATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

It was stated that the Public Notice was posted at all three posting stations within the time parameters required and was published in local newspapers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nathan Wolosek motioned to approve the minutes from the January 7th Plan Commission meeting; Sharon Schwab seconded. Lori Ruess motioned to approve the minutes from the January 21st special Plan Commission meeting; Ron Becker seconded. The minutes from both meetings passed unanimously.

TOWN BOARD UPDATE

Sharon Schwab distributed information from Patty Dreier's ground water meeting presentation regarding ground water. All information is also available online. Stakeholders will now be invited to review the information gathered to prioritize and publish the results.

A document outlining the 2015 proposed changes to the Portage County Zoning Ordinance was distributed for information only. It does not pertain directly to the Town of Grant. Information pertaining to proposed changes to assessment policies and procedures was also shared. Changes propose taking control away from local government and transferring it to the counties. Discussion ensued regarding formally voicing our formal opposition to this proposal.

The hearing for the issuance of the Pagel CUP was held and approved.

There was some discussion about seven options presented regarding markings and signage at the intersection of Highway 54 and County U. No decision has been reached yet; a letter will be sent in support of the findings.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Marty Rutz reported that one fee was collected in the amount of \$50 for an address to Jill Konopacky.

3221 Ryan's Way – A visit was made to the owner (Kollock). A business is not being run. Mr. Kollock picks up used and broken pallets and repairs them for his brother in Brokaw in exchange for camper storage. The premise is very need and organized. The

committee agreed that this would not be identified as a business but rather a bartering arrangement.

Southwinds Storage – The history is that a burglary took place in 2009 where the organization was identified as a business. A newspaper article was distributed with that information. It was investigated whether or not a permit would be in order, but it was decided that no actual business traffic took place but the premise was probably used as storage for a business at another site.

The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Welling
Plan Commission Secretary