

**PLAN COMMISSION
TOWN OF GRANT
MARCH 27, 2013**

Present: Jim Wendels, Darcy Held, Lori Ruess, Sharon Schwab, Ron Becker and Julie Kramer.

Excused: Marty Rutz

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Jim Wendels.

FEBRUARY MINUTES

February minutes reviewed. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Lori to approve pending corrections

CITIZEN INPUT

- The Commission discussed Witt's Linger Longer Cabin, 8631 Cty W, being used as a rental and advertising hunting on 60 acres. The property is zoned General Agriculture. The Commission will have Marty Rutz reach out to the owner and give him a CUP and invite him to attend a meeting.

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

- 4 permits were issued totaling \$2855

BEE BUSINESS

Cecile Stelzer Johnson submitted questions in an e-mail about an interest in starting a bee business on her property located at 11831 80th Street South. The property is zoned General Agriculture. She would need to follow sign regulations under the Zoning Ordinance. Questions pertaining to planting clover in the bottom of the ditch will need to be addressed to Portage County as the road is a county highway. Cecile will also need to contact DATCP about licensing for producing honey. Jim will call Cecile and share the Commission responses.

DRIVEWAY ORDINANCE

The commission reviewed and accepted suggested changes as submitted from Brian Formella. (See ordinance for changes.) Julie will make the changes and forward to the Town board to be presented at the April 10th meeting.

TOWN BOARD REPORT

- Amendments for Portage County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance have been postponed.
- Emergency Management: New addresses go through Portage County Planning and Zoning.

LOOKING AHEAD

Jim will send a request to have someone from Portage County Planning and Zoning help us begin reviewing our Comprehensive Plan.

- 9 elements to review break down 1 at a time.
- Include hi-capacity wells.
- Goals and Visions: Land use effecting water quality.
- Jim will let the Plan Commission members know what to review before the next meeting.

Farmland Preservation

Nuisance/Junk Ordinance: Jim will send the Plan Commission members the Town of Hull Nuisance Ordinance. Before we invest time on creating our own ordinance we should consult with the Town Board about enforcement of such ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm. Motion made by Sharon, seconded by Lori.

Next meeting Wednesday, April 17, 2013, 7:00 pm.

May meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2013, 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by Julie Kramer
Plan Commission Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

Invite a Portage County Planning and Zoning representative to discuss updating our Comprehensive Plan.

Check into creating a logo for the Town of Grant.

Jim will forward Town of Hull Nuisance Ordinance to Plan Commission members.

Jim will contact Steve Bradley about pulling land out of exclusive ag.

Review Quarrying Ordinance to be sure we are in compliance with NR 135.32. (Print out all of NR 135 and review with our Quarrying Ordinance within the next 6 months.)

Update Quarrying Permit Process with NR updates.

Farmland Preservation: Contact Jeff Schuler to meet with us.