

TOWN OF GREEN BAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: 8/19/14

TIME: 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boncher, Dawn Goodman, John Metzler, Jack Salewski, Gary Jonet, Dianne Jacobs

ABSENT: Mike Gilson

Others Present: None.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: John Metzler opened the meeting and noted that the meeting notice was properly posted in 3 places. The July 15, 2014 Minutes were reviewed. Dianne Jacobs made a motion to accept the July 2014 minutes as presented. Bob Boncher seconded the motion. All approved.

(7:04 to 7:37 pm) ISSUE #1: Ordinance change addressing Beekeeping.

Planning Commissioner John Metzler reviewed the situation: the tied vote at the last Planning Commission meeting in July and the Town Board's request that the full Planning Commission re-visit the discussion and do another vote with the full Planning Commission in attendance so that a tie would not occur. Mike Gilson was not in attendance so this was not possible. There was discussion then about the possibility of changing the original recommendation to one that would involve making Beekeeping a *Permitted Use* in both the Exclusive Agriculture and General Agriculture zoning districts, but with the added stipulation: "*provided the hives are located a minimum of 300 feet from any property line*". The Planning Commission members decided they could agree on that and then also reviewed the definition for Beekeeping they had suggested at July's meeting and deciding to keep the wording as it was, adding it to the definitions area of the zoning ordinance: "*Beekeeping. Keeping bees for the purpose of producing an income or livelihood.*"

MOTION MADE BY: Dianne Jacobs to recommend to the Town of Green Bay, Zoning Amendment #904-J, which would make the following changes to the Town of Green Bay's Code of Ordinance:

1. Add Beekeeping to Zoning Ordinance, Section III. Definitions. B. Words Defined (in alphabetical order), which would read as follows: Beekeeping. Keeping bees for the purpose of producing an income or livelihood.
2. Add Beekeeping to the Zoning Ordinance, A-1 Exclusive Agriculture zoning as a Permitted Use. Which would read as follows: #5. Beekeeping, provided the hives are located minimum of 300 feet from any property line.
3. Add Beekeeping to the Zoning Ordinance, A-2 General Agriculture zoning as a Permitted Use. Which would read as follows: #7. Beekeeping, provided the hives are located minimum of 300 feet from any property line.

MOTION 2NDED BY John Metzler. **AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** none. **ABSTAIN:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Planning Commission left a note for Town Clerk Debbie Mercier to add it to the September 9, 2014 Town Board's agenda. A Public Hearing was set for Tuesday 9/8/14 at 6:35 pm.

(7:38 to 7:55 pm) ISSUE #2: Continued work on the Working Lands Initiative: amendments to agricultural zoning and definitions.

The Planning Commission reviewed the newly revised Exclusive Agriculture and General Agriculture and Zoning Definitions that Planning Commission Secretary, Dawn Goodman, had prepared. They agreed that the changes regarding Beekeeping should be added accordingly. Dianne Jacobs noted that once the public hearings on the above amendments are held and approved, that the Town could then proceed with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Farmland Preservation Program "Application for Farmland Preservation Zoning Ordinance Certification". She asked Planning Commission Secretary, Dawn Goodman, to inform Town Clerk Debbie Mercier of this development and ask for directions on the next steps in the procedure.

MOTION MADE BY: Dianne Jacobs to recommend to the Town of Green Bay, Zoning Amendment #908-J, which would make the following changes to the Town of Green Bay's Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinance to comply with requirements of the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative Program:

1. Add Revisions to Zoning Ordinance, Section III. Definitions. B. Words Defined (in alphabetical order).
2. Add Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, A-1 Exclusive Agriculture zoning.
3. Add Revisions to the Zoning Ordinance, A-2 General Agriculture zoning.

And add that due to the extensive nature of the revisions, they will be available for viewing in the Town of Green Bay Town Hall, contacting Town Clerk Debbie Mercier for review.

MOTION 2NDED BY Bob Boncher. **AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** none. **ABSTAIN:** none. **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Planning Commission left a note for Town Clerk Debbie Mercier to add it to the September 9, 2014 Town Board's agenda. A Public Hearing was set for Tuesday 9/8/14 at 6:45 pm.

Other Business: There was no other business to cover at this meeting.

Date & Time of Next Meeting were set: Tuesday September 16, 2014 at 7:00pm, if it is found necessary for the Planning Commission to meet.

Motion to Adjourn Made by: Bob Boncher, Dianne Jacobs seconded. **AYES** 6 **NAYS:** None. **Motion Carried.**

Time of Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Chairperson

Planning Commission Secretary