

TOWN OF GREEN BAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: 3/18/08

TIME: 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: John Metzler, Dawn Goodman, Bob Boncher, Gary Jonet, Dianne Jacobs, Bob Geyer, Mike Gilson.

ABSENT: None

*No one else was present from the public or business sector.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: John Metzler opened the meeting & noted that it was properly posted in 3 places. The minutes from 2/19/08 were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY: Dianne Jacobs to accept the minutes.

MOTION 2NDED BY: Bob Geyer.

AYES: 7

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ISSUE #1: Review request of John DeGrand Zoning Amendment to his property for the purpose of building a house and also a review of his Certified Survey Map of this property. (7:12-7:25 pm)

MOTION MADE BY: Dianne Jacobs to recommend to the Town of Green Bay Board:

1. To accept the certified survey map of John DeGrand.
2. To rezone parcel, GB-288, from A1 Agriculture to ER Estate Residential. GB-288 is 221, is 26.060 AC M/L. SE ¼, of the SE ¼, of Section 24, T24N, R22E, EX 18 CSM 51 & EX 1717930 and EX RDS Town of Green Bay at: 6120 Seidl Road.
3. To set a date for the Town Board to hold a hearing on this matter on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION 2NDED BY: Gary Jonet.

AYES: 7

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ISSUE #2: The Wind Turbine Ordinance Development (7:26-9:10 p.m.)

Planning Commission Secretary, Dawn Goodman, passed out copies of the Center for Land Use Education's Plan Commission Handbook (5/2002) guide to "Conflicts of Interest, Voting and Open Records Law" (page 34) to each of the Planning Commission members and then read aloud the section pertaining to "Statutory Conflicts of Interest", "Code of Ethics", and "Private Interests In Public Contracts", while everyone followed along. A copy was added to the Wind Turbine Ordinance Information Binder.

John Metzler presented articles from the Green Bay Press Gazette from March 11 and March 17, 2008 concerning State legislative Bills that would standardize wind power regulation by giving the WI Public Service Commission officials exclusive jurisdiction over the siting of wind energy turbines and furthermore would prohibit local government from creating more restrictive ordinances. The bill, Senate Bill 544, was sent back to committee and killed for this year. It is expected to be back for the next session. The Planning Commission speculated how this would impact the current ordinance the Town is developing. It appears the Town will eventually lose it's input on such matters. The Planning Commission decided it will continue working on the current Ordinance nevertheless.

Dianne Jacobs reported to the Planning Commission that the Town Board gave permission to the Planning Commission to have an additional meeting to continue work on the Wind Turbine ordinance and possibly schedule even more additional meetings until the ordinance is completed. ***The Planning Commission decided to set the date for the first Special Session for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 pm.***

Dawn Goodman passed out a letter from the Town's Attorney, Steven Gillis regarding his review of the initial draft of the Town of Green Bay Wind Energy System Zoning Ordinance". The Planning

Commission then reviewed the initial draft, noting the changes Attorney Gillis recommended, item by item, line by line, with Secretary Goodman making notations and changes accordingly. The Planning Commission went through Items 1 through 13 of the 29 items which were mentioned in Attorney Gillis's letter. Since this required much concentration and attention to detail and was quite timely, the matter was tabled at 9:10 pm, until the next special session, on Tuesday April 1, 2008, when the Planning Commission will continue the review and changes, starting with item 14 of Attorney Gillis's letter and proceeding through to the end, if possible.

Bob Geyer noted he was not sure if he could attend and that it might be further complicated because of obligations he has to the Town to monitor the voting that day.

ISSUE #3: Continued Discussion About a Sex Offender Ordinance. (9:11-9:20 p.m.)

Dawn Goodman passed out a reply to her request to Town Attorney, Steven Gillis, for permission to utilize the Town of Humboldt's Sex Offender Ordinance as a guide for the Town of Green Bay's own development of a Sex Offender Ordinance. Attorney Gillis informed her that it is not in final form at this point and still has to be reviewed by the State and the Brown County Sheriff's department. It might be ready the first week of April. Furthermore, he would then need to obtain permission from the Humboldt Town Board before allowing us to utilize it. He encouraged the Planning Commission to provide their own ideas and components and offered to meet with the Planning Commission via a telephone or office conference with him, or attend our next Plan Commission meeting to discuss this further and get started on this before the ordinance is ready for publication. The Planning Commission decided to table this matter until Attorney Gillis has completed the Town of Humboldt ordinance and has an answer for us from the their Town Board.

Please note: Bob Geyer had to leave at 9:12 p.m.

ISSUE #4: Any Other Business (9:21-9:25 p.m.)

Dianne Jacobs noted that it was time for the annual review of Planning Commission Member terms of service that need to be renewed. Bob Boncher, Gary Jonet, Bob Geyer are all up for review. All were reminded to submit letters requesting re-instatement to their positions if they so desired.

There were no other issues or business addressed.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING WERE SET: Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION: Dianne Jacob made a motion to Adjourn, John Metzler seconded.

AYES: 6 (Bob Geyer was not present to vote).

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 p.m.

Planning Commission Chairman

Planning Commission Secretary