

TOWN OF GREEN BAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: 4/20/10

TIME: 6:58 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Bob Geyer was excused due to a work commitment.

Others Present: Tom Vandenhouten

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: John Metzler opened the meeting and noted that the meeting notice was properly posted in 3 places. The Planning Commission reviewed the minutes for March 16, 2010. **MOTION MADE BY:** Dianne Jacobs to accept the minutes. **MOTION 2NDED BY:** Bob Boncher. **AYES:** 6 **NAYS:** None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ISSUE #1: Continued work on the Wisconsin Lands Initiative and the anticipated changes to the Town of Green Bay Agricultural zoning (7:00-7:50pm). The Planning Commission opened the floor to hear the concerns and answer questions about the program for Tom Vandenhouten. Tom was especially concerned about how he should respond to the Special Zoning Amendment Request Letter the Town sent out on March 10, 2010. He asked for guidance as to which was better to choose A-1 Exclusive Agriculture or A-2 General Agriculture. The Planning Commission explained the difference in the two zoning districts. The Planning Commission advised Tom that it could not tell him which zoning designation to choose and that every land owner had their own personal and different reasons for taking part or declining participation in the new WLI program. Tom questioned what some of the benefits of the program were. The Planning Commission answered those questions. The Planning Commission then closed the floor.

The Planning Commission asked Town Zoning Administrator, Gary Jonet, how many of the Zoning Responses he had received so far. Gary Jonet reported that responses were still coming in, but had slowed down. He said he anticipated more would come in closer to the due date of April 30, 2010. Some Planning Commission members expressed concern that the Land Owners who did not respond should be contacted. After further discussion, it was decided that the various public meetings and letter sent with the Zoning Change Request form were sufficient. The Planning Commission asked Gary Jonet what zoning designation most of the land owners who responded chose to do so far. Gary Jonet stated that 6 land owners had opted to be A-1 Exclusive Agriculture, while the rest of respondents had chosen A-2 General Agriculture.

Planning Commission Secretary, Dawn Goodman, asked the Planning Commission how they wished to proceed at the next meeting in May:

1. Should the responses from the Land Owners be signed by Planning Commission Chairman, John Metzler and the Town Board Chairman, Lee DeChamps and then certified by Town Clerk, Debbie Mercier.
2. Should the changes in zoning be put onto the Town's Zoning Maps and sent in to the County Zoning for their approval and updating.

The Planning Commission agreed that the Zoning Change Request Letters from land owners would be held for signing and certification until a later date, possibly as late as the December 2010 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission further agreed that it would follow Town Chairman, Lee DeChamp's request at the March 2010 Planning Commission meeting, which is to put the land owners zoning requests onto the revised zoning map which must then be submitted to the County as soon as possible for their input.

Any Other Business: None.

Date & Time of Next Meeting Were Set: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Time of Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Planning Commission Chairperson

Planning Commission Secretary