

TOWN OF GREEN BAY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: 7/15/08

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

*Others Present: Scott Hansen.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES: John Metzler opened the meeting & noted that it was properly posted in 3 places. The minutes from the 6/24/08 Planning Commission Meeting were reviewed.

MOTION MADE BY: Bob Geyer to accept the minutes.

MOTION 2NDED BY: Bob Boncher.

AYES: 7

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED.

ISSUE #1: Scott Hansen Proposed Wind Turbine on his Hansen Pallet property (7:02-7:13 pm).

The Planning Commission reviewed the Conditional Use proposal #614-J for a wind turbine on the Hansen Pallet property, located at 2731 North County Highway P and a map that Scott Hansen submitted showing the proposed location of the wind turbine. Scott explained that his intention is to use the wind turbine to help generate electricity for his business, Hansen Pallet. He said he estimated the project would take place in the summer of 2009. According to the Conditional Use Permit, the unit will be approximately 100 KW, be 120-132 feet high. The Planning Commission asked how far it would be from the adjoining Dorner property. Scott explained that it would be approximately 150 feet from the property line with the adjacent Dorner property. After reviewing the map, Dianne Jacobs stated she thought that the wind turbine should be placed more to the middle of the parcel. Scott Hansen was agreeable to this. John Metzler asked if the electricity generated will all be for Scott's business use or if he planned on selling the extra to WPS. Scott said that if there was any excess power generated, then he would sell it to WPS. Gary Jonet questioned the number of Kilowatts. Scott said that in the initial stages and study of the project, they thought they needed 7,000 kilowatts. But since then, they have readjusted their estimate and think it will be more like 10,000 kilowatts.

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

1. To grant the Conditional Use Permit, #614-J, provided it follow the guidelines set forth in the Town of Green Bay Wind Energy System Zoning Ordinance.
2. To set a date for the Town Board to hold a hearing on this matter on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. This date was later changed to Thursday, August 14, 2008 when Town Clerk, Debbie Mercier, realized she could not make the Town of Green Bay meeting that day and they changed the meeting date to Thursday August 14, 2008.

MOTION 2NDED BY: Bob Geyer

AYES: 7

NAYS: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ISSUE #2: Continued Discussion About a Sex Offender Ordinance. (7:22-8:40 p.m.).

The Planning Commission reviewed the newly re-written, second draft of the Sexual Offender Law Enforcement and Neighborhood Watch Committee Ordinance line by line, having Planning Commission Secretary, Dawn Goodman, make changes and deletions as they felt appropriate.

The Planning Commission decided to table the matter until Planning Commission Secretary Dawn Goodman could make all of the prescribed changes to the Ordinance for a final review of it at the August 19, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Dianne Jacobs noted that the Sex Offender Moratorium remains active but would need to be extended for probably 60 more days and/or until the process is complete. She also said she would check with the Town of Green Bay Chairman, Lee Dechamps, to see if he would like the Town Attorney to review the draft before it proceeds further.

The Planning Commission noted it hoped to have the Ordinance done and ready for the Town Board to review for their September 2008 meeting.

ISSUE #3: Any Other Business. (8:41-8:50 p.m.).

Gary Jonet wanted the Planning Commission to be aware that SAC Wireless (Verizon), wants to make changes to the communication tower on Highway T. Gary instructed them that the Town had passed a new fee schedule in this regard. The SAC Wireless (Verizon) representatives did not agree with the new fees. Gary said that he told them they need a Conditional Use Permit and so they came and picked up the information from him today, July 15, 2008. Gary said they did not follow the prescribed procedures so far and that a Building Permit was mistakenly issued by the Town's Inspector. The potential repercussions were discussed, with John Metzler noting that when he passed by the property today, July 15, 2008, that it seemed as though the project was well underway already. Gary Jonet said that they should not be that far along on the project at this point in the negotiations. He expressed grave concern. Gary said he was going to have to investigate the matter more and that there may be future meetings and possibly attorneys called in on the matter.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING WERE SET: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**MOTION to Adjourn Made by: Bob Geyer. Bob Boncher 2nded.
7 Ayes, No Nays. Motion carried.**

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:53 p.m.

Planning Commission Chairman

Planning Commission Secretary