

Minutes from the Town of Trenton Plan Commission Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 7:30 P.M.

Place: Town of Trenton Hall, 1071 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095

Prior to the Plan Commission Meeting, the meeting notice was properly posted.

Zoning Administrator Barb Davies asked those in attendance to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appoint Plan Commissioner to Serve as Meeting Chair in Absence of Chairman and Vice Chairman:
The Commissioners agreed that Joan Baumgartner and Bob Roden were the members with the most seniority. Joan Baumgartner was appointed Chair for the meeting.

Appointed Chair Joan Baumgartner called the Plan Commission Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Affidavit of Posting:

Baumgartner read the affidavit of posting.

Plan Commissioner Roll Call:

Present: Ray Werhand, Bob Roden, Tony Thoma, Joan Baumgartner, Alternate Jay Koenitzer, Zoning Administrator Barbara Davies. Excused: Chairman Joe Gonnering, Dennis Kay, Scott Schweizer.

Town Board Supervisors in Attendance:

Jeff Esselmann.

Approve the Agenda:

It was moved by Ray Werhand and seconded by Bob Roden to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voting in favor: 5. Opposed: 0.

Approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting; Public Hearing Minutes of September 13, 2022 (Two Hearings):

It was moved by Tony Thoma and seconded by Jay Koenitzer to approve the Meeting Minutes and the Public Hearing Minutes of September 13, 2022. Voting in favor: 5. Opposed: 0.

Architectural Approval, Shed in A-1 Zoning – Dale and Carla Schneider:

No representative present.

Chickens in Residential Zoning:

Barb Davies explained that requests to have backyard chickens on lots smaller than three acres have been received over the past few years. A number of interested residents have pointed out that the City of West Bend now allows chickens in the city subject to licensure and adherence to city requirements. The City's chicken ordinance was mailed to the Plan Commissioners prior to the meeting. The city's coop construction requirements are extensive and appear to be costly to meet. Davies will prepare a draft ordinance for the December Plan Commission meeting with preliminary requirements for an annual licensing fee, an initial zoning/inspection fee, coop building permit plans required, setback from side and rear yard lot lines, limit on number of chickens allowed, and neighbor notification required. Jay Koenitzer commented on his experience with keeping chickens.

Change in November Meeting Date – Conflict with November 8, 2022 Election:

The Commissioners were in agreement that the Tuesday 11/8/22 meeting date should be changed to: Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be preceded by two Public Hearings: Budget Hearing, 7:00 P.M.; and 2050 Plan Amendment and rezoning, 7:20 P.M. All meetings will be held in the Town Shop. The main meeting room will have tables set up in place for the 11/8 election.

Reports:

Barb Davies reported that building activity is slowing down. New home permits issued in 2022 total 16 to date. A property on CTH M just listed for sale was discussed.

Comments:

James Stefaniak asked when his recently approved Conditional Use Permit would be ready for pickup. Davies sent the CUP to Stefaniak's law firm for preparation and signature.

Review of Any Correspondence Received:

None.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Bob Roden and seconded by Tony Thoma to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. Voting in favor: 5. Opposed: 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara J. Davies
Clerk of the Plan Commission

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted at the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board and the official Town of Trenton website townoftrenton.wi.gov on Friday, October 21, 2022. Barbara J. Davies, Clerk of the Plan Commission.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Plan Commission at its November 7, 2022 Meeting.