

**Plan Commission Meeting
Cable Community Centre
May 8, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present – Karl Kastrosky, Kristine Lendved, Tony Merrill, Kathy Zuelsdorff, Monte Lewis, Shelly Wilson, Susan Thurn

Chair Kastrosky appointed Susan Thurn to take meeting minutes.

Call to order at 6:00 pm

Chairman’s Remarks – appreciate Supervisor Tony Merrill joining the Plan Commission to provide communication between Town Board and Plan Commission.

Approval of agenda – adjusted the agenda to meet attendees needs. Motion made by Kathy Zuelsdorff that Housing be first on the agenda, and Economic Development second. Motion seconded by Kristine Lendved. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes – April 3, 2019 – Tabled.

Housing

Discussion/possible action on approval of Vince Beacom Short-term rental – Mike Furtak described events in which Beacom applied for short-term rental. Bayfield County Zoning Board of Adjustments approved an after-the-fact special exception to keep the 14’x12’ deck, approving the square footage of the building. Furtak suggested no parking on Ponders Point Rd. for emergency vehicles and that he be told his circular driveway with below area parking plowed out in winter for. Discussion of driveway ordinance took place. Suggestions included the Town Board making decisions of approval regarding driveway ordinance issues and parking.

Kathy Zuelsdorff moved to recommend to the Town Board approval of the short-term rental with the following conditions: compliance with the Town’s parking Driveway Ordinance, completion of short-term rental applications, and no vehicle parking on Ponders Point. This decision meets the Town’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan because it fosters recreation use and housing. Seconded by Monte Lewis. Motion carried.

Economic Development

Report on job creation – 5 new jobs created in Town of Cable.

Report on Business seminars – May 21 - Operational management of business will be sponsored by the Town of Cable Economic Development Committee.

Discussion/action on Connect Communities Group/Responsibility – Chair Kastrosky reported a request to combine Design Committee and Connect Communities together – The two

committees have some major overlap in the people serving on them. While they have different goals and objectives, committee leaders Deb Nelson and Linda Podvin believe combining them together would be a benefit. The original purpose of the Design Committee was to develop design guidelines for local businesses to apply for low interest façade grants. Shelly Wilson stated that the budget process request to the Town Board is still an appropriate way to proceed with budgeting future funds for projects. The budget was approved by Chairman Hancock, followed by Chairman Popelka. The transition might not have been smooth. Chair Kastrosky suggested that the Connect Communities budget become a line item under the Plan Commission, identifying items/projects that could be itemized in the budget if necessary. Tony suggested coming directly to the Board to ask for money for projects. Budget items for 2020 for Connect Communities budget will be presented to the Town Board. Kristine Lendved clarified that the Town Board, the elected officials, approve expenditures. Citizen Suzanne Rooney stated that Connect Communities has followed the process in which the Board had prior approval. Monte Lewis noted that the decision to spend more than \$500 is based in state statutes. Jack Radecki recommended that major projects receive prior town board approval. Citizen Gil Rasmussen asked for more Plan Commission oversight in decisions made regarding projects. Suzanne Rooney mentioned that the Design Committee's intent is much bigger than low-interest loans, but also includes the Urban Plan. She also stated that some growing pains might have existed in determining if expenditures meet Wisconsin statutes. Chair Kastrosky stated that a replacement is needed for Deb Nelson as Chair of Connect Communities.

Shelly Wilson presented the sign recommendation for the public restrooms and shared the plaque for donors.

Chair Kastrosky reported a meeting with Brenda Regorrah Smith. Paul Regorrah was a long-time citizen of Cable and Chamber of Commerce Director. Brenda has requested a commemoration to Paul with a bench and plaque. Chair Kastrosky recommended purchasing a Leopold-style bench and place it on the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce property. Mrs. Smith wants the bench to be natural cedar. Chair Kastrosky stated that he wanted to let the Plan Commission know of the intent for this bench, and this might happen again with others. Suzanne Rooney asked about maintenance, and Chair Kastrosky responded that he believes the family will maintain it.

Issues and Opportunities

Discussion/action on potential conflict of interest re: Short-term rentals for Karl

Chair Kastrosky stated that there may be times when he will need to step down as Chair because he and Cyndi are partnering in ownership of North Country Vacation Rentals. There could be a potential conflict for short-term rental decisions. Shelly Wilson, as Vice Chair would then chair the meeting. Kristine Lendved and Monte Lewis suggested he recuse himself from all discussions regarding short-term rentals and expressed approval of this as an acceptable and viable option.

Suzanne Rooney read a statement that she asked be added to the minutes:

Thoughts on Conflict of Interest, “The Clash of Ideas is the Sound of Freedom” Lady Bird Johnson, Allowing a situation in which a person’s financial interests could work against the interests of those he has been designated to serve would be agreeing to allow a conflict of interest. This is the situation if the Plan Commission Chair continues on the Plan Commission after purchasing an interest in North Country Vacation Rentals. Having control of the Plan Commission agenda permits topics of conflict to be avoided. Other board members understand the view of the Chair and may work to support it even if the Chair recuses himself from a discussion.

The economic interests and priorities of the Cable Community do not fully align with the economic interests and priorities of a housing rental business. will be compromised as the Plan Commission inputs to and amends the Cable Comprehensive Plan which touches every aspect of life in Cable current and future. Conflicts exist throughout our small community and require an open discussion. We can begin with making the right decision now. End of statement.

There was continued discussion of the pros and cons. Tony Merrill recommended Chair Kastrosky step down. Sue Thurn requested the statutes and Code of Ethics be researched.

Monte Lewis made the motion to table the issue for one month to allow the Plan Commission and Town Board to gather information, community input, and look at Wisconsin statutes and Code of Ethics. Tony Merrill seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action regarding fitness trail – A grant that may be available to the Town of Cable from Bayfield County Health and Human Services, is due May 31st. Jack Radecki stated that he preferred placement of the fitness equipment at the park instead of the Cable Town Trails. Tony Merrill asked about maintenance of the equipment. There was discussion of possible projects, including bike park, for the Grant application.

Samantha Senske and Alyssa and Garrett Knutson stated that the park playground equipment is over 30 years old, cracked and in need of repair. Bob Lang has ordered replacement of the swings. There is concern that the playground equipment is unsafe and inappropriate for families in Cable. Alyssa has been visiting other town playgrounds where fundraising was done for improvements. She presented photos and a description of Washburn’s playground improvements. She particularly expressed concern about the town equipment bridge as being unsafe. The monkey bar is not age appropriate and could be remodeled completely.

Chair Kastrosky discussed greater usage of the park and asked for input from Alyssa and Samantha to provide potential plans. Samantha asked if the town would be willing to commit funds to upgrade. Chair Kastrosky suggested this become a 2020 budget item. He requested Alyssa and Samantha continue to attend meetings and help with the legwork in developing future plans.

Sue Thurn made the motion to recommend to the Cable Town Board apply for the Bayfield County Fitness grant for funds for a fitness trail or the bike park. Kristine Lendved seconded. Motion carried. Sue Thurn will write the application for the fitness trail; Kathy Zuelsdorff agreed to write the application for the bike park.

Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources

New Library Update – The Library’s architect and builder, Kellar Designs, has created a design for the library, and Town Annual Meeting electors approved disposal of town buildings to allow parking to be created off-street. Plans will be available by June 6, and meetings are being held in Cable and Namakagon on this date.

Airport Overlay Update – Chair Kastrosky presented the Airport Commission all documentation - copies of recorded documents showing the new configuration of the airport property including avigation easements, while excluding the gun club property.

Report on Town Website – Complications have existed in keeping the website maintained. The donor button is not functioning properly. Tony Merrill will take action to resolve this issue.

Recreation –

Bike Park Update

The PayPal donor button was fixed, and money came in immediately after it was fixed. Tony Merrill asked for input on bike park materials and plans for building contingent upon funds raised. He suggested concrete as a surface that could be used by roller-blades and skateboards. Kathy Zuelsdorff stated that decision will be based on fundraising. Kathy is working on a thermometer for fundraising.

Campground Update – Michelle Simone will do the Bayfield County Health inspection. Kathy Zuelsdorff stated she does not want to install the fee tube until the inspection is complete. She still needs to purchase a bear-proof storage, materials to build a small kiosk, and site markers with remaining funds. Tony Merrill asked the charge per night. Kathy Zuelsdorff suggested \$14/night. Drummond charges \$22/night, and they have toilets and electricity. There are 4 people per campsite, with only one tent pad per site. Campers will be required to pay within 30 minutes of tent set-up. Collected fees will include room tax, and funds will be given to the town for deposit into town funds. Quiet hours can be determined. The plan is to have campground improvements completed and up and running by the second week in June. Kevin Johnson, Law Enforcement Officer, has been contacted to make him aware of the campground improvements.

Gun Club Overlay

Chair Kastrosky is working on a narrative with defined area, parcel and boundaries, to create an overlay, and plan a public hearing in the future.

Land Use

Urban Plan

John Hand will attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Urban Plan.

Implementation

Discussion/Action Regarding the Private Driveway and Private Road Ordinance

It was noted that the ordinance was written with input from the Fire Department, Ambulance, and Emergency Services. The request has been made to not make any changes without their input. Chair Kastrosky asked Tony Merrill to have the Town Board to prioritize ordinances for review.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2019, 6:15 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.