

**PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.
CABLE COMMUNITY CENTRE
MINUTES**

Call to Order

Vice Chair Kristine Lendved called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

Attendance: Vice Chair Kristine Lendved; Commissioners Merrill, Popelka, Thurn, Wilson
Chairman Tony Erba was absent.

Chairman's Remarks

Vice Chair Lendved noted Chair Erba's request that the Commission set a date for a work meeting to complete the future land use exercise. Project is due to be submitted to Bayfield County by May 12, 2023. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold a work meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Approval of Minutes – April 5, 2023-

Motion by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Popelka to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Town Board Update

Supervisor Popelka reported the following:

- Cleanup Day will be in August because the town was unable to get dumpsters earlier.
- Approval of Birkie races
- Application to Bayfield County for a Health Initiatives Grant for fitness equipment at the park that would consist of 9 double stations for ages 13+
- New playground equipment will be delivered June 15
- Approved revised driveway ordinance
- WEDC CDI Grant – several letters of interest were forwarded to WEDC Representative David Wierzba. None of the proposals qualified to apply for the grant.
- Vibrant Spaces Grant – the Cable proposal was not selected.
- Rural Design Grant – Chairman Haag refused to put this item on the board agenda for a decision and refused to call a special meeting for a decision at the request of board members.
- Two private individuals who were proposing housing for other sites have decided not to move forward.
- One proposal has been received to remove the old fire hall.

Cable Today Update

Commissioner Thurn reported that 4000 reusable bags have been ordered. There is an increase in ads on the bags which made it possible to double the order from last year. A meeting will be scheduled soon.

Commissioner Popelka stated that he has suggested to Linda Podvin a preliminary proposal for the downtown plan be on display at the public meeting for the school site.

Future Land Use Map Exercise

A work meeting for this exercise will be held Thursday, May 11, 2023, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre.

Comp Plan Timeline

The current timeline shows the final comp plan is due for review by May 31, 2023, when the Plan Commission would review and finalize the document from May 31, 2023 to July 4, 2023. At its June 6, 2023 meeting a Public Information Meeting would be scheduled. A proposed 30-day public review period would begin June 19, 2023 through July 18, 2023. At its August 1, 2023 meeting, the Plan Commission would approve a resolution to recommend the Town Board adopt the updated Comp Plan.

Vice Chair Lendved telephoned Chair Erba so the Commission could discuss the timeline with him on speaker phone. Chair Erba stated that the May 31 deadline is reflective of a 30-day extension. If that is too aggressive, a two-month extension can be requested.

Commissioner Popelka asked if there is additional cost from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission for extension. The Participation Agreement will be checked to see if there would be an additional cost for an extension.

It was the consensus of the Commission that the best time for public review is July and August, when many property owners will be here for the summer season. Therefore, it would be best to seek a 2-month extension. A public meeting date will be set at the June 6, 2023 Plan Commission meeting for after the week of July 4 to begin the 30-day public review period. This would put the Plan Commission's approval of a resolution of recommendation to the Town Board at its September meeting. The resolution would go to the September Town Board meeting. Chair Erba will contact Chairman Haag regarding board approval for a 2-month extension at the May 17, 2023 board meeting.

Commissioners expressed their willingness to provide more assistance to Chair Erba in preparation of the updated draft Comp Plan. Chair Erba stated that he will set up a shared folder that all could access. He will post sections of the Plan when written for Commissioner review and edits. He is working on a matrix of goals. As each chapter is completed, it will be

posted in the share folder. He requested Commissioners to participate with editing to decide what shifts and strategic descriptions are desirable. Meghan (need last name) has reworked the narrative around statistical tables. This needs to be reviewed. He would like to reformat the Comp Plan so that it becomes strategic guidance for decision making and detailed statistical information would be in attached appendices rather than in the body of the plan. Issues in the Comp Plan will be well served with a well thought out plan that can be used for foundation goals and a vision for the community that is helpful in making upcoming decisions on housing and the school site. By the June 6, 2023 Plan Commission meeting, Commissioners will have had a chance to review all sections of the draft plan.

Commissioner Remarks

Commissioner Wilson asked if a dumpster or receptacle can be put in the park to collect cans. She also asked when downtown restrooms will be open. They cannot be opened for the season until area temperatures are above freezing. Commissioner Wilson stated that approximately 500 riders are expected for the Hungry Bear event. David Popelka says he'll be sure that downtown restrooms will be open for the Hungry Bear event. It will start at the Chequamegon Fat Tire HQ on Spruce Street. The town needs to be contacted for a one-block closure for the start. There will be a sheriff lead out. Parking was planned at Norvado, but race officials believe that will not be enough space and are changing parking to the Birkie. If there is parking at Norvado, it is suggested that there should be someone to monitor pedestrians/cyclists crossing Highway 63.

Next Meeting: June 6, 20223, 5:30, Cable Community Centre

Adjournment

Vice Chair Lendved declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Chairman Erba declared the meeting adjourned at