

Town of Wood River

Planning Commission Meeting

Town Shop 23610 N. Alpha Drive, Grantsburg, WI 54840

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Ron Burg, Rick Cunningham, Mike Chell, Garrett Luedtke, Damon Johnson, Ricky Danielson and Patrick Carlson. Clerk Raylene Swanson

Guests: Patrick Hansen, Joel Johnson, Joe Lysdahl, Deb Strand and Cindy Jensen

- I. Call to order: Ron Burg called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge was said.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Mike Chell made a motion to approve the July 23rd 2019 meeting minutes. Patrick Carlson seconded it. MC.
- IV. Opening Remarks, Ron Burg, Town Chair: Ron said he would like to see many people involved in reviewing and updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Tonight they will be looking over the Issues & Opportunities topic as well as the Population & Housing sections of the current plan.
- V. Public Forum (3-minute limit per person, unless arranged): Patrick Hanson referred to Section 1.2 under plan summary. He noted that it states there is an estimated population growth of about 4 people/ year and 2-3 houses/year. Any big change would drastically change that. Page 1.9, feels it's important to maintain the north woods character of life. Section 2 about no mobile home parks- the Town did setup a Mobile Home Ordinance. But, there are many variables to the definition of mobile/manufactured home. Ricky Danielson asked "what is a mobile home?" Needs to be discussed and revisited. Garrett Luedtke referred to 2.9 (e), he believes that wording should stay since we have such a diverse Township. Rick Cunningham referred to section 2.10 where it talked about "will" and "shall" and their meanings. "Will" indicates future tense and "shall" is a suggestion of loose guidelines.
- VI. Issues & Opportunities discussion: This section was looked over.

- VII. Population & Housing: looked over & discussed population and housing policies and recommendations under 2.10. H2- Concept is good. May want to re-write to better reflect Wood River. 2.10. H6- will consider re-write. 2.10. H7- may add to information about mobile homes. 2.10. H8- maybe strike- appeared redundant. 2.10. H9- Now have Uniform Dwelling Code. Should have ordinances available for everyone. 2.10. H10- strike, possible removal. Public Input: Joe Lysdahl asked if there was a minimum amount of land lot size. Would like to consider 5 acre minimum. Joe Lysdahl stated that the Town of Grantsburg had a big problem with abandoned trailers/mobile homes. They made it a law that they had 2 mobile home parks in the Town, move into one or the other.
- VIII. Gaining Citizen Participation: will come up with a strategy to best communicate with Townspeople.
- IX. Identify agenda items for next meeting: Section 5 Agricultural, natural and cultural resources. Section 6 Economic development.
- X. Garrett Luedtke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Chell seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Raylene Swanson, Clerk