

SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 20th, 2024

Call to Order: The Special Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Clarence Mattson.

Pledge of Allegiance: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners present are Chair Clarence Mattson, Vice Chair Sherry Newman, Patti Miller, Calvin Schmock, William McGowan, Richard Marshall, Joy Johnson. Also present Planner Dan Licht and Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence. Claim forms were passed out and returned to the Deputy Clerk.

Agenda: Commissioner Schmock motioned to approve the March 20th, 2024 agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes: Commissioner Miller motioned to approve the February 21st, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Schmock. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business: None

Old Business:

Discussion of Private Motor Sport Vehicles – Planner Dan Licht went through the memorandum which is available in the Clerk's office.

Commissioner Mattson suggested adding light and muffler requirements in the proposed ordinance. Planner Dan Licht stated given the width of the roads, you want to increase the visibility as much as possible.

Commissioner Marshall asked if there is any rule or regulation regarding the flow of traffic for sport vehicles. Planner Licht stated he will add that to the ordinance.

Commissioner Newman asked if a snowmobile would require a rear light. Marshall stated he believes they should have taillights.

Commissioner Newman suggested, depending on the Special Vehicle, a person may need to add lights on both the front and rear to comply with the ordinance.

Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence stated if a resident has had a track for many years, it could be a challenge for them to add coniferous trees or a 7-foot fence to comply with the new ordinance. He also stated the dust control may be unrealistic to uphold. Commissioner Johnson stated some of the conditions on the proposed ordinance may be difficult for a family that has limited means. Johnson stated dust control is difficult to maintain a safe surface due to the possibility of overwatering and creating slippery conditions. Commissioner Marshall stated he believes the dust control should be within the resident's discretion.

The Committee agreed the hours of operations for private sports vehicles should be Monday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Schmock stated he believes ~~400~~ 1,000 feet is too far from the property line.

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Planner Dan Licht stated the current nuisance ordinance from the county is vague and the Town's goal would be to solidify what is and what is not allowed regarding nuisance. He stated the 2.5 acre lots would not be allowed to have an established track. They would be allowed to run on their property but would not be allowed to grade or establish a track. The Committee agreed on having a 20-foot setback from any property line and 500-foot setback from any residence, except that of the owner.

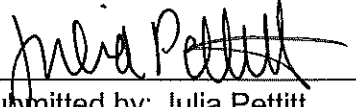
Town Supervisor Liaison Update: Town Board Liaison Bryan Lawrence discussed the attendance of the incorporation hearings and Annual Meeting. Lawrence stated it is believed if incorporation does occur, nothing is likely to happen to the Planning Commission and that the re-appointment of the Commissioners would not be required. He stated once he resigns from the Town Board, the Board will elect another board member to fill his vacancy. He thanked the Committee for the work they have done, and he is looking forward to seeing Baldwin grow.

Commissioner Update: Commissioner Miller inquired about microphones for the Commission. The Deputy Clerk stated, through talking with Sherburne County IT, there were a few drawbacks from having multiple microphones. Town Board Liaison Lawrence requested obtaining price quotes for microphones. Chair Commissioner Mattson asked what would happen to Commissioners within the annexation area if annexation were to occur. Town Board Liaison Lawrence stated they will discuss that once the Board knows the Judge's decision regarding Baldwin's incorporation.

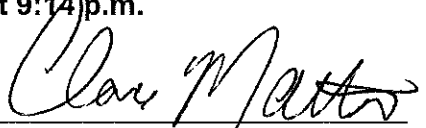
Town Staff Update: Planner Dan Licht stated there will be two shoreland variance applications and a simple PLAT at next week's Planning Commission meeting.

Miscellaneous Information and Communications: Anita S. was present. She stated she believes the Baldwin Township Comprehensive Plan seems dated. She asked if Baldwin Township had a survey for residents recently. She also inquired about community driven involvement and how to go about that. Town Board Liaison Lawrence stated the Town Board would not be able to initiate a community fueled committee, it would need to be completely community driven. Commissioners Schmock and Marshall agreed that an updated survey would be beneficial.

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Adjourn: Commissioner Marshall motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.


Submitted by: Julia Pettitt
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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Date


Approved by: Clarence Mattson
Chair

Attendees: Anita S.