

Town of Gibson Plan Commission Meeting 5-14-2025 Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall by Chairman Argall. Members in attendance are: John Rabitz, David Derosier, Leigh Coenen, Christa Steeber, Sydney Herman; absent was Scott Chalupny. A quorum was present.

A motion by D. Derosier to approve the meeting minutes from January 16, and April 16, 2025 and seconded by L. Coenen. All members voted aye, motion passed.

Sydney Herman was introduced to team and each member introduced themselves to Sydney.

Chairman D. Argall then provided the team with the authorization from the Town Board contained in the minutes of April 7, 2025 which stated: Town Board discussion on current ordinance 10.04 (3) and (4) covering tree issues and future actions was sent to the Town Plan Commission for review and recommendations by an approved motion.

Handouts were provided to team members present which contained:

- Town of Gibson Ordinance Chapter 10 Public Nuisances dated June 1, 1985
- The revision to above ordinance dated June 3, 2002 adding 10.03 (9) Accumulation of Refuse.
- Town of Gibson Ordinance Chapter 10 Public Nuisances revised 7/13/2016
- Alphabetical neighboring Townships' Public Nuisance Ordinance to be used for comparison, information, and possible "word smithing" when adding or revision Town's ordinance.
- State Statutes 86.03 Trees On and Adjacent to Highway.
- Manitowoc County Ordinance 15.05 Encroachment Upon Highway.
- Wisconsin Town's Association legal opinions regarding highway right of way issues pertaining to trees, vegetation and other obstructions

Team members were the provided instruction on what the goal was pertaining to the Town's Ordinance:

- Adding additional information to provide clear direction pertaining the removal of trees, whether on private property or in the road right of way.
- How to proceed for removal of downed trees on roadway, and
- Possible to reorganization current ordinance to allow for a "better flow".

Members the discussed various other Town Ordinances, comparing the process and information they contained to that in Gibson's ordinance. C. Steeber found a "Tree Sample Format" on-line which she read to team. All agreed to use the template when reformatting Gibson's ordinance. C. Steeber sent email to members containing template.

Based on how other Towns ordinances flowed, Team recognized Gibson ordinance would also need to be reorganized in order to incorporate the identified changes (similar to the structure of the Town of Kossuth's Ordinance):

- Rename section 10.03 for Trees, Shrubs, and Obstructions to provide clear direction pertaining the removal of trees, whether on private property or in the road right of way.
 - Provide definitions
 - Process for Trimming
 - Process for Damaged/downed Trees
 - Abatement Process for removal
- 10.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Health
- 10.05 Public Nuisance Affecting Peace
- 10.06 Public Nuisance Affecting Safety
- 10.07 Burning
- 10.08 Abatement of Public Nuisances

With Team agreement on the above process, S. Herman was tasked to generate a draft outline of the ordinance. In addition, team members are tasked with providing draft ideas to S. Herman.

Next meeting Date is June 26, 2025 at 6:30

Motion to adjourn made by D. Derosier, seconded by L. Coenen, motion passed.

Respectively submitted

D. Argall Chairman