

Town of Trenton
Official Minutes from the Plan Commission Meeting
Town of Trenton Town Hall, 1017 Highway 33 East, West Bend, WI 53095
July 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

Present: Bob Roden, Joan Baumgartner, Ray Werhand, Dennis Kay, Scott Schweizer, Tony Thoma, Alternate Jay Koenitzer. Other Town officials present: Chairman Mike Lipscomb, Supervisor Barb Davies, Town Administrator Cindy Komro, Clerk Heather Krueger, Town Attorney Ian Prust.

Members of the public:14.

1. Call to order: Chairman Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Lipscomb invited those in attendance to stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Affidavit of Posting: Lipscomb confirmed that the meeting notice was properly posted.
4. Determination of Quorum: All Plan Commissioners present; quorum satisfied.
5. Review and Accept Agenda: **Werhand moved, and Kay seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 6-0.**
6. Approve Minutes of June 12, 2023, Plan Commission Meeting: **Kay moved and Thoma seconded to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023, Plan Commission meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**
7. Ordinance Amendment Options to Accommodate CAFOs: Attorney Prust suggested the town create a separate zoning to accommodate CAFOs in the town; A new zoning district would give a level of control and give more discretion to the Plan Commission; it would give options in appropriate areas of the town for farm owners to be able to apply. After very long and careful discussion the Plan Commission agreed to move forward with a Public Hearing to add a new zoning district and a Conditional Use Permit for CAFOs. The Plan Commission will study the Ordinance and advise Attorney Prust of any changes they would like to see made prior to the public hearing. Prust is not available on Monday, Aug 14. **Schweizer moved to hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 followed by the monthly Plan Commission meeting for possible approval, seconded by Thoma. Motion carried 6-0.**
8. Enforcement of Zoning Ordinance §380-34B (3) at 310 Knollwood Rd.: Komro explained that the number of animals at 310 Knollwood Rd exceeds the limit in Town Ordinance. To be compliant, the animals need to be removed or reduced to 3 head. Discussion followed to determine how much time should be given for the owner of the animals to remove them from the premises. **Schweizer moved to allow three months to remove the animals from 310 Knollwood to become compliant, seconded by Baumgartner. Motion carried 5-1.**
9. Accessory Structures in Front Yard in CES: Per Komro, this is for discussion only as there are a lot of requests from residents to have an accessory structure in their front yards. Komro surveyed several towns for their ordinances and got a variety of responses. The Commission discussed and opinions are that this would be very specific to each parcel and instance. Currently the Commission does not want to pursue this.
10. Reports: Komro reported that there will be a new alcohol license available early next year for Barn wedding venues. The property on Evergreen is scheduled to be razed this month. Komro also reported that there is a sign too close to the road in Myra that she will investigate and notify

the owner. Baumgartner reported that Washington County is the only County in WI without a burning ordinance that has DNR oversight. Baumgartner encourages the town to have some type of ordinance.

11. Comments:

John Jansen, 5939 Wausaukee Rd: Comments on CAFOs.

Terry Brennen 380 Knollwood Rd.: The animals at the barn down his road never bothered him. At one time he was interested in erecting an antique barn, but they wanted it to go into the front yard and was not allowed. He feels the board should consider these requests on an individual basis.

Sarah Follett: 5745 School Rd: discussion and questions regarding regulating the CAFO.

12. **Kay moved, and Baumgartner seconded to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Krueger, Town Clerk

Affidavit of Posting: These Minutes were posted on the Town of Trenton Town Hall Bulletin Board at 1071 STH 33 East, West Bend, WI on July 14, 2023. Heather Krueger, Town Clerk.

Subject to Approval: These Minutes will be considered for approval by the Plan Commission at its August 15, 2023 meeting.