

Approved - March 14, 2016 Town of Wilson Plan Commission Minutes

Meeting in the Town Office called to order by Chairperson Roger G. Miller at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance: Gerry Bertsch, Guy Jones, David Schleicher, Fritz Goebel, Rich Ternes, John Ehmann, Mike Lappin, and Roger Miller.

Public Hearing on PC recommended amendments to Sub-Section 29.14 (Highway Commercial) of the Town's sign Ordinance (Chapter 29):

Miller handed out copies of pages 13 and 14 in which the recommended changes in red (see attached) included two hand-written entries, describing these are the result of an ad-hoc working sub-group of the PC and PC review and unanimous recommendation.

No comments or input from a very small audience (4 people, two of which were Board members- DesJardins & Rostollan).

Public Hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

New Business:

- 1) Approval of **February 8, 2016 PC minutes**; after several typos were pointed out by PC members (see John Ehmann's notes), motion to approve (with **correction of typos**) by Goebel, second by Schleicher, no discussion, **approved unanimously**.
- 2) **Recommendation to Town Board to promulgate the recommended changes to the Sign Ordinance** (see Public Hearing notes above): motion by Miller, second by Ternes, no discussion, **unanimously** approved.
- 3) **Prospective changes to Chapter 62 or possibly implement a Pet Fancier ordinance**; Bertsch provided general background and a rough draft of a Pet Fancier Ordinance, with Board members DesJardins and Rostollan providing additional background; followed by a range of perspectives and considerations from the PC members. It was presented that in order to have "probable cause" needed by the Sheriff's department to gain access to probable violations of state statutes, a local ordinance has been encouraged. **Lappin, Bertsch, and DesJardins volunteered to further evaluate** the considerations and will report back to the PC.

Old Business:

- 4) **Kwik Trip** (La Crosse Sign Company) **sign permit application**; all aspects of the application other than the tall existing monopole structure had been previously recommended for approval by the PC, and with subsequent conclusion that the Town interprets the existing tall monopole to be legally existing by virtue of its existence preceded town ordinance and the sign's continuous use, though non-conforming, **recommended approval** for it because the PC considers the proposed changes to the sign faces to be incidental. Motion by Bertsch to recommend approval, second by Goebel, no discussion, **unanimously** approved.

- 5) **Review of Chapter 30; Public Parks, Conservancies, Cemeteries** subcommittee report: No formal report made but it is the consensus of the PC that **Cemeteries ought to be its own chapter**. Goebel provided background that the PC had several years ago made recommendation to the BD for a specific chapter (copy provided by Goebel), but no action had yet been taken. Given no exigency on this subject at this time, Miller suggest that it be **dealt with in the course of the Town's pending update to its Comprehensive Plan process**. In the meantime, the **Parks-Conservancy ad-hoc group will continue to meet, focusing on the deer hunting issue within conservancies** which was the expressed reason for this being a current topic of interest in the community.

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At 8:30 p.m. motion by Schleicher, second by Ternes to **adjourn**: all ayes.