

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.
Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center
7860 Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

Members Present: Chair-Chris Anderson, Sharon Fitzgerald, Gail Hill, Bill Cammack, Emily Pitchford, Josh Van Lieshout

Members Absent: Bill Nelson-Excused, Kathy Mand-Beck-Excused

Also Present: Clarence Scherer, Kevin Vonck-UWGB

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chair-Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Agenda

Fitzgerald Moved to approve the agenda as presented on December 17, 2009. Pitchford Seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Plan Commission Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2009.

Cammack moved to approve the Plan Commission meeting minutes for November 17, 2009, Hill Seconded. Motion carried.

5. Open Session (limited to 10 minutes)

Business development on Church Street was discussed. Anderson stated that this can be addressed and incorporated with Kevin Vonck regarding the Egg Harbor Downtown Strategy project. Vonck stated that there are specific things that can be done by the Plan Commission to make the business area happen.

6. Village of Egg Harbor Downtown Strategy project, Kevin Vonck

Anderson introduced Kevin Vonck, UWGB, to give the latest update on the Egg Harbor Downtown Strategy project. He discussed and asked for input on the four elements that deal with the vegetation, landscape and trees. He touched on landscaping within the Village area that would include or encourage or be required on properties. It was stated that at this time there really wasn't a problem. More trees were suggested for quaintness, with the continuation of all the flowers within the Village. Market Street was used as a good example of trees giving the appearance of quaintness.

On this subject, Van Lieshout stated that there is currently a Tree Board being formed within the Village. He also informed the Commission that Public Works Committee is currently looking for volunteers to complete a tree inventory for the Village, eventually tying it into our GIS system to track.

Vonck mentioned drainage, run-off and ways for small rain-gardens and natural drain systems on property. Storm-water issues, Storm sewer and water run-off issues were discussed.

Van Lieshout explained the EPA funded grant programs. Grant that the Village has applied for are at village the Beach Park and another is to make the Beach parking lot impervious surface. Another project applied for is the storm water filtration systems at the dock and a catch basin at the bottom of the hill at dock road. There can be several approaches: examples are municipal systems or on-site facilities.

Physical aspects of vegetation were discussed. Education and opportunities for urban gardens would be examples of benefits. Also, Vonck spoke on increasing use of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency. There may be opportunities for re-modeling regarding

this. Anderson suggested a municipal composting area. Native species for landscaping was suggested as well or recommendation lists of landscaping species for the area with emphasis on variety. Another suggestion was a large pumpkin patch within the village to tie into our largest festival – the idea of a community garden. Vonck asked if a farmers market was ever suggested for Egg Harbor. It would be a community and economic event. Anderson stated it would create a good sense of community to benefit everyone.

The upcoming discussion will focus on the economic aspect of things - attracting businesses and keeping them here; it may involve more of the business association. Also included will be attracting and retaining visitors.

7. 2009 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Review, Kevin Luecke

Kevin Luecke was not present. He sent information on his planned schedule going forward from this point and asked for input on any necessary additions or changes to the proposed bicycle routes throughout Egg Harbor. Inclusions of a larger percentage of Harbor School Road and more of the back roads (Heritage Lake Road) to avoid Hwy 42 if desired, was discussed by the Commission.

It was suggested that a good map with bike route plans designated on Kiosks would be a user friendly idea for the Village.

8. Study Group Formation for Municipal building, sign, and development related codes

Anderson commented on the study group formation. He stated he has had limited time recently. He stated he will be meeting with the Study Group for the first meeting after the New Year to assist in the group's establishment.

9. Next Meeting

Van Lieshout mentioned that there will be two conditional use permit applications at the next meeting to address.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2009 at the Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center in Egg Harbor at 6:00 PM.

10. Adjourn

Pitchford moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., Hill seconded. Motion carried.

Recorded by:

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