

Town of Frankfort Plan Commission
2/27/2014 Minutes

The Town of Frankfort Plan Commission held its 90th meeting February 27, 2014. Commission Chair Dwight Jelle called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present were Dwight Jelle, Bryce Black, Donna Gates, Richard McDermott, Tina Bee and Maureen Manore.

Also attending was Attorney Tanya Bruder representing Greg Bechel Trucking, LLC.

1. Minutes from 7/23/2013

Donna Gates noted that the start time was incorrect and should be 6:30 instead of 8:48. Bryce Black made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Richard McDermott seconded the motion and the motion carried.

2. Plan Commission Responsibilities

The Plan Commission discussed a revised Plan Commission Ordinance that was more specific in outlining the responsibilities, staffing, compensation and powers of the Plan Commission. There were a few revisions suggested to the draft Plan Commission Ordinance. Bryce Black made a motion that we, as a Plan Commission, send the Frankfort Plan Commission Ordinance as edited and corrected to the Town Board for consideration and adoption and recommend that they adopt it. Richard McDermott seconded and the motion carried.

3. Town Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance

The Plan Commission discussed the pros and cons of adopting a Reclamation Ordinance. The pro point was that the Town would have more control if the County was not enforcing their own Ordinance. The con was the lack of expertise and the costs involved. It was decided that there would be nothing to gain by the Town having their own ordinance at this time as long as the county was doing a good job.

4. Possible Town Zoning Ordinance Update

5. Possible Nonmetallic Mining Licensing Ordinance Update

Items 4 and 5 were related and discussed together. Dwight Jelle discussed the need to update the Licensing Ordinance with many of the regulations that are in the current Mining Agreement and items that were discussed during the drafting of our zoning ordinance. We learned from both of those processes and the licensing agreement should be updated. He said we should be watching what the current State Legislators are proposing in regard to the abilities of municipalities to regulate nonmetallic mines and we should act accordingly to either enhance the Licensing Ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance, depending on the bill that the State passes. He stated that he thought that the zoning ordinance was in pretty good shape at this time.

6. Town of Pepin Citizen Survey

The Plan Commission studied the survey results from the Town of Pepin. Many of the citizen responses mirrored those found in the Town of Frankfort survey with respect to the support for issues such as scenic beauty, air and water quality, agricultural base and quality of life. One of the criticisms of the town of Pepin had to do with communication or lack thereof. A brochure or web based flyer with the intent of aiding in communicating what the Town's role is was discussed for the Town of Frankfort.

7. Frankforter Days

The Plan Commission discussed if the Town should hold a Frankforter Days and of what it would consist. It was decided to have a committee explore the subject and report back to the Plan Commission.

8. Adjourn

Richard McDermott made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Donna Gates seconded. The motion carried.

Time: 8:05 p.m.

Maureen Manore, Recording Secretary