

**Town of La Pointe Planning and Zoning
Town Plan Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 11th, 2020

4:00 PM

La Pointe Town Hall

Members Present: Suellen Soucek, Chair; Mike Starck, Vice Chair; Samantha Dobson; Paul Wilharm and James Peters (tele-conference)

Staff Present: Ric Gillman, ZA

Public Present: John Soucek, Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer and Marty Curry

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Soucek Calls the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Roll call reflects the members in attendance identified above.

II. Public Comment

Paul Brummer stated he dropped off an article with John Carlson (Town Board member) and asked for it to be circulated with the TPC. This article is regarding good practices related to tourism and has been circulated to the TPC members.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

a. Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting February 5th, 2020

Wilharm points out that his name is misspelled. Correction noted. Starck motion to accept as corrected, Dobson seconds, 5 Ayes motion carries.

IV. Zoning Administrators Report and update

The ZA points out that permits at this time of year are slow and addresses the following:

- The Public Arts Committee is considering placement of some art in public areas. While they are viewing proposals, this is in the early phases. Once a proposal is considered the TPC will have the opportunity to review the project.
- The town has considered selling some sundries and commodities at the Big Bay Town Park. While this activity is not defined as a permitted or conditional use the ZA has contacted the Town's Attorney in order to ascertain if a Zoning "text change" may be required. The TPC would need to proceed with a Class 2 Notice and public hearing, should the Town wish to pursue this activity. ZA will provide feedback to the TPC and Town Board following consultation with the Attorney. The ZA thanked Charley Brummer for bringing this to our attention. Starck questions whether this would or should be a Town Ordinance. The ZA points out it is the TPC responsibility to oversee Zoning and this activity is subject to Zoning.
- The technician for American Tower indicates that no alterations have been made to the existing cell tower and that there should be no change in signal for Verizon. He also said he would reach out to Verizon regarding this concern and advised the Town to do the same.

V. New Business

a. Fire Numbers update

Nothing.

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b. Letter and review for placement in the gazette seeking input and feedback regarding discussions related to a “Storage” ordinance.

The ZA contacted Chair Soucek last Friday to review the final draft of the letter to be placed in the Island Gazette. This review was scheduled for last weeks cancelled TPC meeting. Because the deadline for submission of articles to the Gazette was last week, the Chair and ZA completed and submitted the final copy. This final copy has been distributed to the TPC, Town Board and Town Staff.

c. Update on Middle Road Literary Arts Society, Inc 274 Middle Rd Parcel #014-00438-0400

The ZA met with Mr. Nelson at the above location and discussed several issues. He is continuing with the plan as indicated. Starck clarified the TPC determined to have this resolved or in compliance prior to opening of the “Burned Down” for the season. The ZA wishes to send the property owner(s) including Mr. Nelson a letter outlining the plan as the TPC and ZA understand it and asking for a written response. It is the TPC consensus to proceed.

d. Discussion with Martin Curry at his request to discuss possible plans on Parcel # 014-00181-1200 located @ 1061 Middle Rd. 5.44 Acres

Martin Curry addressed the TPC regarding some of his desired plans for the property identified above. He also clarified that the Town has no Mobile Vendor permitting process. The issues are as follows:

1. He would like to and understands that he can sell the agricultural crops and products produced on the property.
2. He would like to do organic/sustainable workshops (events) and provide food through his food truck for the events.
3. He would like to reduce his tax via declaration of agricultural crops. He has been told that there needs to be an agricultural zoning district in order to qualify for such relief, though states he is not completely sure.

In response:

1. He can sell produce grown on his property.
2. As Zoning stands today the events or congregation of people and staging the food truck for retail sales would require a Conditional Use Permit or may qualify as a Home Business (given the broadness of services) if the proprietor lived on premise.
3. The ZA believes agricultural designation for tax purposes may not require a distinct Zoning District. He asked Mr. Curry to explore this further and agreed to aid in this research.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- a. Letter and correspondence with Middle Road Literary Arts Society, Inc
- b. American Tower update
- c. Attorney feedback on Town Park retail activity
- d. Fire Numbers
- e. Update on Agricultural Real Estate Tax status
- f. Public Arts Committee
- g. Review of plans related to Parcel #014-00099-0800, 1596 North Shore, Koors Cabin LLC., Owner.

VII. Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday April 1st, 2020 @ 4:30 PM to be followed by a public meeting for input related to “Storage”

VIII. Adjournment

Chair Soucek adjourns the meeting @ 4:28PM.

Respectfully submitted on 3/12/20 by Ric Gillman ZA Town of La Pointe

Approved by TPC 5/13/20

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