

TOWN OF GARFIELD PLAN COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2007

Commission members in attendance: Orval Johnson, Chair; Marilyn Buckingham, member; Gordon Lindahl member; Mark Knutson, member. Also Suzanne Peeples and Dan Sitz of Stevens Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. In the absence of the secretary, Marilyn Buckingham volunteered to act as secretary.

Minutes of the May 10th meeting which had been approved at the conclusion of that meeting were reviewed.

No comments from the public

Joyce Schaefer, presented a proposal on behalf of her brother-in-law, David Bowman. Bowman seeks to build on Lot 2, sharing an existing drive to Lot 3 and beyond to Robert Stamm property. The drive begins on 150th Street. Land on the 150th Street side of Lot 2 is extremely steep. The proposed new driveway would start approximately 200 feet in from 150th and proceed southward approximately 300 feet to the new building site. Johnson voiced concern about maintenance and plowing of the lengthy drive, serving three residences. The Plan Commission will take the matter under advisement, visit the site, and consider the matter at the next meeting. Joyce Schaefer will be kept informed.

Mark Andren (Section 21 on 90th Ave.) requested concept approval to create Lot 1 from his mother's property and to build a walk-out home on a hillside there. The property fronts on 90th Street and Andren proposes to update an existing field driveway for access. Motion by Knutson, second Lindahl to grant concept approval to Andren. Motion carried.

Francis Klatt (Section 11 on Lone Pine Lane) asked for advice regarding the 2 acre minimum lot size. The Lot he wants to sell for a home site contains a sizeable road easement for The Longwood Association . He asked if easements are included in the 2 acre minimum. We'll check about inclusion of easements in total acreage and he will seek further information before proceeding.

Brandon Olson (Alan Olson) – Section 5

Galen Hansen, neighbor, was present. Neither Olson nor his representative was present. See minutes of April 12, 2007 for commission concerns. Motion by Buckingham, second by Knutson to table further discussion until provided with complete information. Motion carried

Suzanne Peeples of Stevens Engineers introduced Planner Dan Sitz of Stevens. Peoples presented the final draft of the community survey. The goal is to mail the surveys by the 18th. Return is requested by July 13th.

A large packet of information was distributed by Peeples for the Commission members to read before the next meeting. Sitz led the Commission through a SWOT analysis of the Issues and Opportunities and Housing Elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Suzanne will write up the suggestions and email them to members.

Carolyn Lumsden suggested an opportunity might be the designation of one or more “Rustic” roads within our community. She previously championed making Bear Lake Lane such a road. Carolyn distributed photographs and materials for the Plan Commission to consider.

Orval and Gordon will attend the County-wide Comprehensive Planning meeting at Balsam Lake on June 27th at 7pm at the Polk County Government Center.

Respectively submitted by Marilyn Buckingham, Town Board Supervisor and Volunteer Secretary.