

GARFIELD PLAN COMMISSION

March 8, 2007

Call to Order

Present: Orval Johnson, Chair; Gordon Lindahl, Mark Knutson, Marilyn Buckingham, Town Board Representative.

Absent: Sylvan Erickson, Secretary

Minutes February minutes were not available for reading or approval.

Buckingham volunteered to act as secretary for the meeting

Public Comments – None

Ed Flatum, LOC Surveying

Requesting the creation of a new Lot 2 in Dan Gullickson property on Highway 65. Property will share drive with Lot 1. According to Ed Gullickson, there are no affected neighbors.

Motion by Knutson/Lindahl to give concept and preliminary approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Lindahl/Johnson to recommend the town board approve this land division creating new lot 2 in Sec. 21. Motion carried.

Chairman will forward a copy of the plan to Scott Ward for review

Suzanne Peoples, Stevens Engineers

Ms Peoples explained the changes the attorney had recommended in the Impact Fee Ordinance before the hearing. The ordinance was passed at the Town Board Meeting on February 19, 2007.

The Public Participation Plan for developing our Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Town Board at their March 19 meeting.

A kick-off for the Plan will be at the next Plan Commission, April 12, 2007. Two open houses will be held later when land use elements will be introduced. Buckingham provided a list of newspapers and radio stations which might be used for publicity. Peoples will send press releases, Buckingham will send public service announcements to two radio stations.

Members discussed using a survey within the comprehensive planning process, motion by Buckingham/Johnson to direct Peoples to develop a proposal for a survey for the town board's consideration. A survey was not included in the plan adopted by the town board.

County Strategic Planning Forum

Buckingham reported attending the recent forum held in Amery where approximately 40 citizens made recommendations: more green spaces, more

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economic development, more jobs close to home to keep young people here, a study committee to recommend methods of improving county government, and many more. Comments will be summarized and considered in the strategic planning process underway.

Report on Preserving Farm Land Seminar

Orval Johnson attended this seminar. He was impressed with the option of **Transfer of Development Rights**. Peeples stated that we would be hearing more about this within comprehensive planning. Gloria Warnbrockk from Troy might be willing to come to a meeting.

Other Matters

Two three year terms end in April (Erickson and Lindahl). Applications are on the web.

Members will consider monitoring outstanding building permits in the town, especially when they come before the County Board of Adjustment: the total funds spent for the commission; consideration of a developers agreement and other ordinances which are being written.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Buckingham, Town Board Supervisor and Substitute Secretary.

These minutes were approved by the Plan Commission on 4/12/07,