

# **TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**April 15, 2013**

Chairman Runyard called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm. Commissioner's present included James Navin, Richard Garvey, Robert Peregrine, Terry Largent, and Cathie Blathazor. Commissioner Janis Husak was absent. Other present included Administrator/Planner Jeff Herrmann and Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser. For additional attendees please see attached sign-in sheet.

Chairman Runyard read the following notice: Public Hearing to consider the request of Michael Begler, N52 W35577 W. Lake Drive, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, for the construction of a six (6) foot fence. The fence is to be located on the west side of the property. The proposed fence does not comply with the height requirements of Section 144-5 of the Town of Oconomowoc Code. The property is located in the SW ¼ of Section 35, of the Town of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. Chairman Runyard gave Michael Begler the opportunity to explain his reasons for requesting a variance request to install a 6' high fence.

Michael Begler explained some of the history of the issues between him and his neighbor to the west Carol Uebelacker. Mr. Begler also presented a power point presentation of slides showing what he felt was an invasion of his privacy by Ms. Uebelacker and her family.

Administrator/Planner Herrmann stated that the commissions past practices has always been to suggest to applicants to use vegetation rather than install a fence. Mr. Begler stated that he did use vegetation where he could.

Chairman Runyard opened the hearing up to anyone else who wished to speak.

John Uebelacker of N53W37134 Washington Street was present to read a letter from his mother Carol Uebelacker who was unable to be present. This letter was mailed to each commissioner as well as the Town Clerk, and has been submitted as part of the record.

Paul Bergland of W356N5242 Lakeshore Drive stated that this has been an issue before Mike Begler bought the property. Previous owners had to deal with the Uebelackers. Mr. Bergland stated that he does not agree with the issues, and does not have a problem with the approval of the fence.

Robert Hultquist of N52W35495 W. Lake Drive stated that to the best of his knowledge the Upper Oconomowoc Lake Association has not been active in years (this is in regards to a comment read in Ms. Uebelacker's written statement).

Mary Hultquist of N52W35495 Lake Drive stated that she does not want to see a fence installed.

Michael Begler stated that he does not want a fence, but needs privacy. Through this whole situation between him and his neighbor, Mr. Begler stated that his has made one complaint compared to Mr. Uebelackers 300.

Clerk/Treasurer Lesser read emails and postcards received (these items have all been retained as part of the record).

Chairman Runyard closed the public hearing at 7:31 pm.

1. Approve Minutes for March 4, 2013, Town Plan Commission Meeting:  
Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.  
Commissioner Navin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
2. Public Comments: None
3. Consider and Act on Fence request for Michael Begler, N52 W35577 W. Lake Drive, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, for the construction of a six (6) foot fence. The property is located in the SW ¼ of Section 35, of the Town of Oconomowoc: Commissioner Peregrine stated that in a different fence variance request case, the commissioner's denied that request and suggested vegetation, beautiful arborvitae's have subsequently been planted. Mr. Peregrine stated that he understands the plight of the Begler's and encourages them to use mature arborvitae. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to deny the 6' height fence variance request by Michael Begler. Commissioner Navin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. Consider and Act on Site Plan/Plan of Operation for Mitchell W. Pelsue, 4340 N. River's Edge Drive, Janesville, Wisconsin to operate a retail showroom for Paddle Boards and related equipment and accessories. The property is located in part of the SE ¼ of Section 35, T8N, R17E, Town of Oconomowoc. More specifically, the property is located at N50 W35001 Wisconsin Avenue: Mr. Pelsue stated that his shop is located across from what was Just Kickin' Spoon & Saloon. Mr. Pelsue stated that he would be open during busier times such as weekends and holidays. The building will be used as a showroom, and is making no changes to the space. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend approval of the site plan/plan of operation to Waukesha County subject to the planner's report. Commissioner Garvey seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. Consider and Act on Site Plan/Plan of Operation for Joy Vertz, 823 N Waterville Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, to operate a photo studio called "Shoot the Moon". The property is located in the SE ¼ of Section 35, T8N, R17E, Town of Oconomowoc at N51 W34917 Wisconsin Avenue: Rick Goldberg owner of the

property was present for Joy Vertz who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Goldberg stated that Ms. Vertz is currently located in Delafield and Mequon and will be relocating to Okauchee. Business operations will consist of family portraits. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend to Waukesha County approval of the site plan/plan of operation subject to the planner's report. Commissioner Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. Adjourn: Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm, seconded by Commissioner Navin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer