

# TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2012

Chairman Runyard called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Commissioners present included James Navin, Richard Garvey, Robert Peregrine, Terry Largent, and Catherine Balthazor. Commissioner Janis Husak was absent. Also present included Clerk/Treasurer Jo Ann Lesser. For additional attendees, see attached sign-in sheet.

1. Approve Minutes for September 17, 2012 Town Plan Commission Meeting: Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Navin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
2. Public Comments: Roland Morrison of N52W35009 W Lake Drive questioned the size of the sign and banners and the area where the sign and banners would be placed. Mr. Morrison expressed concerns that the lake is being commercialized.

Brett Meili of W350N5302 Road B expressed concerns of the light shining across the lake onto his property. Mr. Meili stated that the new sign does reduce the light from projecting across the water, but also has concerns that this sign would change again and emit more light.

Vern Voelker of W Lake Drive expressed concern that there is always an after-the-fact request, questioned why there are no penalties assessed.

3. Consider and Act on Variance request of Michael & Laura Rickard to add an attached garage with a basement to their residence – N52 W35257 Lake Drive: Brian Fendry representing the Rickard's stated that variance is being requested because the house has been for sale but it never seems to complete and the main complaint is that there isn't a garage. Mr. Fendry stated that he has a potential buyer here with him and that is the concern of this person as well. It was noted that the current driveway will remain but an additional driveway will be constructed. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend granting approval of the variance request to the Waukesha County Board of Adjustment, the petitioner does not have adequate indoor parking for vehicles and it will not be any closer than the other existing properties. Commissioner Garvey seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Commissioner's moved to item #6.

4. Consider and Act on Variance request of Michael Bertrand (Comfort Investments) to authorize an existing free-standing sign and two (2) banner's on the lakeside of the property – N52 W35002 Lake Drive: There wasn't any representation for Michael Bertrand. After reviewing the application and material it was noted that the variance request is for the sign due to the fact that it is not more than 75 feet from the lake. Commissioner Peregrine also mentioned that the Town will not let Michael Bertrand out of the conditional use until all violations are in compliance. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend approval of the variance, after the fact, to the Waukesha County Board of Adjustment allowing the banners to be placed May through October of each year, and that the permanent sign not be allowed to change from its current configuration without BOA approval. Commissioner Navin seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Commissioner's moved to item #7.

5. Consider and Act on Special Exception and Variance requests of Patrick Glenn to remodel and expand the residence and construct a detached garage – W348 N5140 Elm Avenue: There wasn't any representation for Patrick Glenn. After reviewing the submitted application and material Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend approval of the variance request being made by Patrick Glenn to the Waukesha County Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Garvey seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Commissioner's moved to item #4.

6. Consider and Act on Variance request of John Rodell to permit the construction of a dormer addition to his residence – W347 N6133 Road I: Bill Groskopf representing John Rodell. Mr. Groskopf stated that Mr. Rodell would like to add a dormer addition to his home, the home will not be advancing towards the lake and the reason a variance is required is that the normal setback actually cuts through the house. The dormer addition is adding volume within the setback. Commissioner Peregrine made a motion to recommend approval of the variance to the Waukesha County Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Largent seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Commissioner's went to item #5.

7. Adjourn: Commissioner Peregrine motioned to adjourn at 7:09 pm. Seconded by Commissioner Navin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Lesser, WCMC  
Clerk/Treasurer