

## TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK

### Bridge Creek Comprehensive Planning Commission

#### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chairman Fred Poss
2. **Roll call** of Commission members and alternates: Present Ricky Strauch, Fred Poss, Carol Peuse, Harvey Kurtz Steve Erdman. Absent Gordie O'Brien. Alternates in attendance: Christine Yellowthuner & Tom Crowe.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. Motion by Ricky Strauch seconded by Steve Erdman to approve the **Agenda and Proper Posting**. All yes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Ricky Strauch seconded by Chuck Forseth to approve the **June 3, 2020 meeting** minutes as presented. All yes motion carried.
6. Chairman Poss announced that Gordie O'Brien has accepted the **Vice-Chairman Position** on the Commission.
7. **Opportunity for Public Input:** None
8. Chairman Poss review the discussion and motion on the Standard Element Report Format that was adopted at the June 3, 2020 Commission meeting which will be the pattern for each of the elements after the Eau Claire County Format.
9. Ron Williams of Williams Engineering Services handed out a summary of the answers to the questions from the Survey # 1. The comments that were made on this survey are not included but will provided in a separate document as there were a lot of comments. Mr. Williams provided an example of some different formats graphs. The line graph format will be used instead of pie charts after discussion.
10. **Status Reports on any Element Leads in future meetings:** Discussion was held on who to contact for the intergovernmental element. Suggestions were made on various contacts.
11. **Status Report from Ricky Strauch on Agricultural Element and from Fred Poss on Natural Resources:** **Agricultural Element** was presented by Ricky & Wendy Strauch. Results from the respondents to the 2007 Eau Claire County Survey stated that over 90% agreed or strongly agreed that good farmland should be preserved for agricultural use. 80% felt that more needs to be done to preserve farmland in Eau Claire County. Over 75% disagreed that farming is an industry in decline and therefore farmland should be considered for other uses. Respondents also felt that it was very important for good air quality, forest/woodlands and surface water. There was not a lot of information for the Township of Bridge Creek because the township was not previously included in a comprehensive plan. A questions that could be added to the second survey. What kind of farming do you do? Dairy, crops, nursery greenhouse, hog, vegetable, tree farming. Another question would be: Is the farm income the soul income or are there other forms of income to supplement farm? Another question would is your farm involved in a Nutrient Management Practices? **Natural Resources Element** was presented by Fred Poss. Mr.

Poss reviewed many plans in surrounding areas. His findings are as follows: Natural Resources are described as matters such as minerals, forest, water etc. There were four rural concerns - overflow and leaving an abandoned manure storage facilities, over application of fertilizers and pesticides, stacking manure too close to water resources and unrestricted access by livestock to stream and eroding stream banks. Urban concerns are waste materials dumped into storm drains, over application of fertilizers and pesticides on parks and golf courses and loss of wetlands. There are seven criteria that were used in order to identify the types or characteristics of places critical to meeting Wisconsin conservation and outdoor recreation needs. The Town of Bridge Creek does not have the CLG status at this point. The Town of Bridge lies completely within the lower Eau Claire County water shed. There are 21 miles of Class 1 trout streams in the Township of Bridge Creek. In 2011 the Eau Claire Lake Association joined with a new government called the Lake District. The goals of the Lake District are to aerate the lake, install and maintain sand traps and install fish habitat. Sand trap at Trouble Waters is very important to maintain. There have been 328 fish structures and 200 tree falls added to the lake. Living water grows fish. Troubled Waters Bridge is in need of boat landing for boat excess. Metallic and non-Metallic mineral resources are at a standstill at this time. Question was to if the land will be reclaimed. The Commission thanked the Ricky & Wendy Strauch and Fred Poss for a great job on their respective presentations.

- 12. Discussion on Extra Territorial Meeting with the City of Augusta:** An update was presented by Tom Crowe and there will be further information at the next Commission meeting on August 4, 2020.
- 13. Opportunity for Second Public Input:** Ammon Wagler who lives on Dolotta Road brought the Commission up to date on the problem with the sawdust that was affecting Linse Niznik residence. Mr. Wagler had turned the pipe so that the sawdust was not blowing on the Niznik residence. That solved the problem and all is well.
- 14. Review, Direct and Delegate tasks for Next Meeting:** Gordie O'Brien and Carol Peuse will present the Economic Development Element at the August 4, 2020 meeting. Gordie O'Brien will be working with Fred Poss on the Implementation Element. Chuck Forseth will be working with Steve Erdman on the Land Use Element.
- 15. Schedule next meeting and Review Agenda Items:** The next commission meeting will be held on August 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.**