

*TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK*

Bridge Creek Comprehensive Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 4, 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, Gordie O'Brien, Steve Erdman and Chuck Forseth. Absent Harvey Kurtz. Alternates in attendance: Christine Yellowthunder & Tom Crowe.
3. The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
4. **Agenda and Proper Posting.** Voice vote. All yes, motion carried.
5. Motion by Ricky Strauch seconded by Chuck Forseth to approve the **July 7, 2020 meeting** minutes as corrected. All yes motion carried. A corrected copy of the minutes was sent out to all commission members and alternates.
6. **Review/ Announcements from the previous meeting:**
  - a. Gordie O'Brien and Carol Peuse presentation on **Economic Development Element.** Gordie O'Brien reviewed the Eau Claire County and surrounding area Comprehensive plans. Based on the plans reviewed he had obtained comparable information relating to the Town of Bridge Creek. Economic Development discusses the employment projections, labor market, analysis of business & industry parks, environmentally contaminated sites and the strengths & weaknesses. Strengths: Proactive business environment, diverse & growing regional economy, strong K-12 education systems, proximity to major transportation routes and favorable quality of life. Weaknesses: Lack of skilled workers, aging population, inadequate housing availability, lack of talent recruitment resources & low wages and earnings. Attached also to the report are supporting graphs for this report.
  - b. Ricky & Wendy Strauch presented the final portion of the **Agriculture Element.** There has been a trend in the decrease of family dairy farms and increases in hobby, beef, sheep, and goat and greenhouse agriculture within the Town of Bridge Creek. There is a need to maintain existing agricultural land and preserve it to the greatest extent possible. The goals, objectives and policies of the various areas of the Agricultural Element were discussed The "Right to Farm" law, best management practices and generally accepted agricultural & management practices (GAAMPS) was also discussed. Chairman Poss thanked the presenters for a great job on their respective presentations on each element.
7. **Opportunity for Public Input:** None
8. **Further discussion and comments from Williams Engineering Consulting:** Tabled till the September 1, 2020 Commission meeting.
9. **Status reports on Elements' work:** Chuck Forseth will be replacing Tom Peterson and working with Steve Erdman on the Land Use Element. Gordie O'Brein will be replacing Tom Peterson and working with Fred Poss on the Implementation Element.
10. **Review and Delegate Tasks for Next Meeting:** The next Commission meeting will be held on September 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

