

Town of Herman Planning Commission
5/5/15 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Herman Planning Commission met at the Town Hall on May 5, 2015. Commission members present were Joe Thelen, Howie Schultz, Bob Korth, Bert Grover, and Joe DeBaker. Also present were Ken and Christine Schroeder.

Chairman Thelen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

It was noted that the meeting had been properly posted at the Gresham Post Office, Leopolis Post Office, Pederson's Bar, and the Town Hall.

The minutes of the last commission meeting were read and approved.

The first order of business was to discuss a conditional use permit for a sand pit on land owned by Wayne Brady to be operated by Ken's Excavating.

Ken explained to the commission that the existing .31 acre sand pit was part of an existing one acre site which already has an approved land use permit. This new land use permit will change the boundaries of the old land use permit, but will not expand it beyond the one acre limit.

Ken stated that the pit is part of a new business so there will hopefully be more activity at the pit than in the past, but he estimated the traffic would be approximately one load per week. There was some discussion as to whether truck traffic from the pit should be limited to the driveway onto Leopolis Road. Ken stated he had no intention of using the access onto Winkle Road for truck traffic from the pit. The commission decided against making this a condition.

Motion was made by Grover, seconded by Korth to recommend to the Town Board that the conditional use permit be approved without any conditions. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

DeBaker reported that Grover, Thelen, and Korth had all been re-appointed to the commission for 3 year terms and that DeBaker and Schultz had been reappointed for two year terms.

The Planning Commission proceeded to a review of the Town Comprehensive Plan. Chapter 1, Issues and Opportunities had been assigned to Bob Korth. Bob reported that there were a lot of population statistics in chapter one, and that there probably were no significant changes to either the numbers or the trends noted. All of the needs and opportunities noted in the original Plan are still valid and Bob recommended that no changes be made to Chapter 1.

Joe Thelen had been assigned Chapter 2, Agriculture, Natural, and Cultural Resources, for review. Joe noted that most of the trends noted in the original Plan have continued as predicted so there was probably little to be modified. DeBaker noted that there had been significant changes in the Farm Preservation regulations at the state level and in the new Shawano County Zoning Code and thought that the section on Farm Preservation on page 27 should perhaps be modified, along with item 7 on page 28. Bert Grover volunteered to research this issue and get back to the Commission with proposed changes.

There was discussion concerning the process for updating the Comprehensive Plan. DeBaker will check with Shawano County Zoning for guidance.

It was noted that there will be a meeting at the courthouse concerning the Highway 29 corridor. DeBaker will send an e-mail to the board members with the details.

Another meeting of the Planning Commission was set for June 2 @ 6 PM for the purpose of continuing the discussion of updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to adjourn made by Grover, seconded by Korth @ 8:05 PM. Motion carried.

Joe DeBaker - Secretary