

Town of Herman Planning Commission 12/15/15 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Herman Planning Commission met at the Town Hall on December 15, 2015. Commission members present were Joe Thelen, Howie Schultz, Bob Korth, Bert Grover, and Joe DeBaker.

Chairman Thelen called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

It was noted that the meeting had not been properly posted, but the commission decided to proceed, but to not take any action at this meeting.

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

Bob Korth was responsible for reviewing Chapter 1. He presented a list of key points from the chapter and suggested that an aging population and increased interest in the arts are perhaps items that should be added. A suggestion was made that a lack of high speed internet access in the town is perhaps a significant factor that should be added. As the discussion proceeded, the idea that a Town web page could be added to the goals. This could tie into promotion of the arts and local events. Another suggestion was that the shelter in Leopoldis could be promoted as a facility for the whole town to use. Another trend that was noted was the increasing importance of solar and wind power, but it was not obvious what the Town could do to promote these energy sources. It was noted that a web page could be used for this purpose. Another factor identified as having growing importance is the environment. Again, it was noted that a web page could be used to support water and air quality issues.

DeBaker suggested that pages 17 through 20 appeared out of place and would fit more properly in the introduction. We could add the process used for the update we are undertaking. It was also suggested that a lot of the verbiage associated with some of the statistical tables was reasonably meaningless and could perhaps be simplified to significant factors. It was agreed that at our next meeting we would go over the tables one by one and decide which should be updated, simplified, or removed.

The next meeting is on Monday Jan 11 at 9AM at the Town Hall.

Adjourn at 10:30 AM.

Joe DeBaker - Secretary