

Town Board & Plan Commission Meeting January 6, 2005

Kevin Egan called the joint meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present Kevin Egan, Danny Krowas, Cal Oldenburg, Thomas Utzinger, Steven Parent, James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Jane Pluff, Mariah Goode, Cathy Hoke and 2 visitors. Absent was Robert Schultz, John Anderson.

Clerk verified posting. Roll Call was taken, with the above names present.

Accept minutes- Minutes were not included with the their notices. Will be done next month.

Review draft of the Smart Growth plan for Baileys Harbor- Mariah reviewed the plan for the town board. We had all the work groups and they set goals for each group. What the town board received is the bulk of the research that was done and put in appendices instead of all the information, which will be easier for the general public to review and see what we want. Most people will only be interested in that part of the program.

Peter felt there are some conflicts in some of the areas. Mariah said we do need to talk about those issues and have it taken care of. This is what came from the groups and it is not their job to try and judge what should be done and what isn't done. Tom feels we have lost the Marina, it has been included in transportation and also boat launches. It should be in Community and Utilities Facilities. Clerk asked about the areas north and south of town, which states single-family residents, if we are going to try and bring something into town for development for jobs which way could they go. There isn't much to the west with the bluff and water to the east. There is only so much room on County F. Committee stated we do need to define the core area of the town. There were a few people who do not want the town to spread out so there is no space on either side. Peter said we always think of sewer but we do have to think about other inter-structure that could go along with the plan. Mariah said we do need to work on the maps, which are not included with the draft. Peter does not want to get carried down on the map issues at this time. Tom feels we should put some type of references to this issue so we know just where the town "business" area in contained.

Kevin said we can't stand still but we do need to expand some.

We do have a problem with the growing retirement age people. We do need the families with younger children to keep this town growing.

There were some words that need to be change. Cal noticed that some of the policies, we are putting a lot of restrictions on the town. He feels we do need to be careful as to how restricted we want to be. We have to make sure the document does not state two things. Jim feels the goals need to be stated very clear. We do have to have goals for each 9-group issue.

Take out 2 miles of sandy beach on Parks and Recreation Areas. Peter stated we don't have any control on Air Quality control also. We cannot control the water and the air, but is something to complain about. They could put something into goals. We should also put in Cana Island issue. It will be turned into a County Park within our township. On Toft Point it should be stated in the history of the township and also the Ridges. Barb asked about the 30 acres for the Ridges. It is County owned but is maintained and managed by the Ridges. Snowmobiling change Northern Door County to Private Snowmobile clubs. Anclam Park boat launch should be taken out and put into another area. In the future it could maybe used. It could be placed in Recreational section.

Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources: Goals- Take out Policy 1.2a, 1.2e, 1.2g, 1.2i out completely. Have something about holding a meeting every couple of years and discuss the issues in these concerns. We could be having some problem trying to influence landowners what to do with their property. With the dark sky issue we should consider some type of ordinance and encourage the County to have one. 1.3f Establish a suitable permanent home for display and storage or historical information on the town being its own policy.

Land Use- To 1.1a add and areas of future expansion. There was discussion on the minimum lot size. Peter doesn't feel it should be reduced. Peter feels it is for the entire town and he doesn't feel it is right for the plan. There is nothing to support it. Tom said it also a part in the same area that we also visit our zoning sizes from in town. We have an area that we jump from 31/2 from one side of the road to 10 on the other side of the road. This is the only number that ever came out of the meetings. Jane feels it should be reduced. If we want young people coming into town and hopefully live here they have to be able to purchase property, and with 10 acres that could be a big draw back for many people. There will be more discussion on this issue.

Housing and Economic Development

Recommended 4.1c Peter question why Door County Economic Development Corp do we want to name a special group. Mariah feels the town should have some same as to the size of lots and where it is going to go. She will rework the wording. Jim question 4.3 and what this means. Mariah stated it came from the work groups as certain areas in town "Core" area maybe some buildings could be in another zoning class. They didn't want to name property at this time.

Transportation: We have roads and sidewalks. Rustic Roads- be sure to include the Toft Point natural area. Under Marinas include Baileys Harbor Yacht Club Marina even if it is private. One of the suggestions that were made, the people would like an overview as to what is going to be done with roads and sidewalks at the Annual meeting. Sometimes this could be a problem because the Annual meeting is before the regular road check. It was also recommended that we do a 5 or 10-year road plan. We need to have something in the minutes every year.

Bike trail- they are still working on this along with the County in planning a trail within the County. Peter questions the map for the trail, State and County don't agree. Cathy didn't feel there is a map for a bicycle trail. Question was asked about the State Hwy.

Would we want certain things coming into town? What are the high traffic routes are. Hwy A and 57 are well run roadways.

Snowmobiles trails are be on private property. They have permission to run along some town roads. There was discussion on the airports in Ephraim and Gibraltar. We could not be able to give money to this because it is not in our township. By law we are not allowed to use taxpayers money for non-town items.

We have started plowing sidewalks. Take out Annual meeting. We will be upgrading our storm sewers before they put in the new State road. Under fire protection take out Commission oversees the fire dept. Change to Midoor agreement. Clerk called with the correct name. We don't want 2.9a, and 2.9b. 2.7c, out completely. 2.4b, take out expand as necessary for constables. Under Sharing public services add town constables to the last sentences. We will support with the DNR and US Coast Guard.

They will bring back to the next meeting the new policy with the changes. If they want any changes drop off with Jane by Wed. January 19th.

Zoning amendment for Town of Union- After discussion they have decided not to recommend for the change.

Town Board motion made/second Steve/Jim to not recommend change for zoning amendment. Carried.

Zoning amendment for Door County Parks- Motion made/second tom-Cal to recommend not enough information to make any decision. Carried.

Town Board- Motion made/second Jim/Peter agree with Plan Commission recommendation of not enough information. Carried.

Peter will write letters with copies to all commission members.

Motion made/second Cal/Tom to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Carried.

Town Clerk, Jane Pluff