

Plan Commission Meeting June 4, 2007

Calvin Oldenburg called the Plan Commission meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present Calvin Oldenburg, Dan Krowas, Gene Stanis, James Schorer, Jane Pluff, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Gene/Dan to accept agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Gene/Dan to accept minutes. Carried.

Review Smart Growth Plan for the 1 to 3 year categories - Cal attended both meetings for the Smart Growth/Plan Commission meeting at the courthouse on Wednesday. The 5:30 meeting was basically a discussion of local design review. They used a lot of Baileys Harbor examples. It was mostly Ephraim and Liberty Grove. They have separate design commissions. People can't build anything without going through them. The 7:00 meeting was about conditional use permits and variances. Went into a little bit about appeals. As for zoning, Town of Gibraltar created a CS5 only for their township. CS5 means you need 5 acres to build. They went from 3.5 to 5. Currently, a lot of places in Baileys Harbor are 10 and some are 20. If Gibraltar went up, could we go down? If the town were to go for something like that, we'd need approval from all the property owners it would affect. The only other way would be to have a group of property owners go before the Plan Commission, the Plan Commission would recommend to the Town Board and the Town Board would recommend to the county. This is one of the things in our 1 to 3 year plan. Another thing that's supposed to be done in the 1 to 3 year planning is to define the boundaries of the downtown area. A lot of the things probably aren't going to come up in the 1 to 3 year area, but we'll still have to look at them. What has to be done is to develop a list as to which ones are pertinent. We will probably need volunteer help and people with expertise for certain objectives. Internet service was brought up. The town has an agreement with Brilliant Cities, but nothing has happened with them. Currently, the only option for townspeople is Online Door County/Door County Computer's wireless service or satellite service. The Commission will take the next month to look through the 1 to 3 year sections and bring it back at the next meeting.

Committee input – Cal reminded the committee that it's a good idea to not talk about any problems with people before the actual meeting, unless the whole committee goes out together, in which case it would have to be a publicly posted meeting. If there is a quorum when talking about town business, it has to be posted beforehand.

Motion made/second Dan/Cal to adjourn at 8:15. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Deputy Clerk, Doug Smith