

Plan Commission Meeting November 3, 2008

Dan Krowas called the Plan Commission to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Dan Krowas, James Schorer, Ken Uhlhorn, Gene Stanis, Douglas Smith and 3 visitors.

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

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

Discuss/decide support of Door County Bicycle Network Plan – Bryan Nelson presented the information and Tom Utzinger was present for any questions. The Door County Silent Sports Alliance is about a year and a half old. It's made up of non-motorized sports enthusiasts. On this proposal, they have been talking to the Wisconsin Bike Federation as well as the National Bike Federation. There is money out there in the form of federal and state grants to help produce and create bike lanes. No grants would be issued until there is a bike plan. They are here to ask if the Plan Commission would consider recommending the Town Board join Gibraltar and other townships to work on bike lanes. Bryan gave everyone a copy of Gibraltar's proposal. The bottom line is \$6,906. The more municipalities that join, the more the costs will be cut. Gibraltar has approved it, but they're hoping to get some more towns on board. It will be going before Liberty Grove, Ephraim and Sturgeon. They're working on looking at every township Sturgeon Bay and north. The hope is that everything countywide would look the same and as road projects take place, bike lanes can be added. The ultimate goal is to have a very nice bike lane system in the county. The planners would come in and talk to the Town, coordinate with them and also hold public meetings. The trails would tie into existing roadways without land acquisition. The trails would be up of quarry wash or hard pack gravel. This isn't an attempt to get bike lanes everywhere, just specific roads. Brian was thinking the cost would be approximately the same as Gibraltar's. Motion made/second Jim/Gene to recommend that the Town Board consider this item and potentially add to future budgets. Carried.

Committee input/reports from County meetings, if any – Dan asked how the turnout was for the energy efficiency presentation. Ken said there were about 40 people and it was a great presentation.

Motion made/second Jim/Gene to adjourn at 7:21PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting.

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk