

Planning & Zoning Committee

Planning Meeting

May 14, 2010

PRESENT: Supervisors Brennand, Diakoff, Egan, Thomson. Jerry Bougie, Brian O'Rourke, Kathy Larson, Cary Rowe.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: George Dearborn – Community Development Director, Town of Menasha, Chuck Farrey – County Board Member, Jim Erdman – Town of Oshkosh Supervisor, Eric Fowle – Director, East Central Regional Plan Commission.

EXCUSED: Supervisor Sievert.

1. Minute Approval – March 9, 12, 26, 30, April 5, 23, & 28, 2010.

Motion by T. Egan to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by J. Diakoff. Motion carried 3-0-2 (Supervisor Brennand not present for vote, Supervisor Sievert excused).

2. Annual East Central RPC update – Eric Fowle.

At 8:10 a.m. Supervisor Brennand arrived.

E. Fowle provided staff and committee members with the ECWRPC 2009-2010 annual report as well as a list of current activities with project(s) status. Indicated that this is the third consecutive year that the commission is operating in the black. Mentioned that the Bay Lakes Are Plan Commission is having financial difficulties and there is a chance that commission could be dissolved.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

3. Discussion on policy regarding Planning & Zoning Committee review and action on Town zoning changes.

J. Bougie gave a history of the policy in which this committee reviews Town zoning changes to verify that all necessary procedures were followed by the Town, and that the proposed zoning change is in compliance with the County's Comprehensive Future Land Use Map.

C. Farrey and J. Erdman expressed concern with this procedure, in that Section 8.04 of the County's General Code is being violated.

P. Brennand stated that the committee was not reviewing Town zoning changes with the intent on voting for or against the proposed change, only to verify that all procedures have been followed properly.

The committee members gave consensus on wishing to continue with this policy, however verifying that it would be for review purposes only, with no action and subsequent vote being taken.

C. Farrey requested that the language contained in Section 8.04 of the County's General Code be changed to properly allow the Planning & Zoning Committee to continue with this policy.

P. Brennand requested staff members to develop proposed ordinance language change to Section 8.04 of the General Code in order to forward to County Board.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

4. Discussion on new legislation:

- a. SB601 – Changes to Comprehensive Plan Statutes – consistency issues
- b. SB260 – Extraterritorial Review of Land Division based on proposed land use
- c. SB507 – Changes to Land Information Program

J. Bougie explained SB601 and stated that this bill essentially states that enacting a comprehensive plan by ordinance does not make the comprehensive plan by itself a regulation. The bill also defines "consistent with" as "furthers or does not contradict the objectives, goals, and policies contained in the comprehensive plan". SB260 states that a City or Village exercising its extraterritorial powers may not deny a proposed plat or certified survey map based only on land use. SB507 changes the fees for recording documents in the County's Register of Deeds office to a flat fee of \$25, regardless of the number of pages recorded. Also requires the creation of a land information counsel consisting of no less than seven members. This council would be advisory only.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

5. Report on Farmland Preservation Plan Request for Proposal

B. O'Rourke stated that the Request for Proposal was issued on May 10 to assist with the new Farmland Preservation Plan, and that staff would choose a consultant for recommendation to this committee. The consultant should be hired by the end of June.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

6. Update on Comprehensive Revision of Zoning Ordinance

B. O'Rourke stated that there were three steering committee meetings in the last month, and that the majority of the text had been reviewed by that committee. He also explained that the process of developing a new zoning map would begin in the next week or two, and staff was hopeful that the new ordinance was still on track to be adopted in January or February of 2011.

No further testimony was given on this agenda item.

Motion by J. Diakoff to adjourn. Seconded by T. Egan. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Brian O'Rourke – Recording Secretary