

Approved - July 11, 2016 Town of Wilson Plan Commission Minutes

Meeting in the Town Office called to order by Chairperson Roger Miller at 6:30 p.m. Also in attendance were Commissioners David Schleicher, Fritz Goebel, Rich Ternes, John Ehmann, Gerry Bersch, Guy Jones, and Mike Lappin.

Public Hearing regarding home owner request for rezoning from A-1 to R-1 of a 1 acre parcel with a single family residence located at 4926 S Business Drive.

Adjacent neighbor Robert Albrecht (4936 S Business Drive) expressed no objection and described that his lot is zoned R-1. He also described that the subject lot was parceled off from the rest of the farm by his father in the early 1970's in order to sell the agricultural land to Gilbert Rammer.

New Business:

- 1) Approval of **June 13, 2016 PC meeting minutes**; Motion to approve by Goebel, 2nd by Schleicher, unanimously **approved with no corrections**.
- 2) **Kevin Struck of UW Extension provided an overview (see handout) of the process for the town to do its required 10 year update of the Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in June of 2007.** This can be completed in June 2017 if the process efficiently begins in September. Bob Werner, who was present in the audience, is willing to chair an ad hoc committee that will operate in the same manner as when it steered formulation of the plan as well as the subsequent years of Plan Implementation. While the town Chairperson may assign ad hoc committee members, active participation has been and will continue to be inclusive of any resident, Board Member, or Commissioner. **The Plan Commission recommends that the town execute no later than August a service contract with UW Extension to facilitate the Plan Update process.**
- 3) **Rezoning application for 4926 S Business Drive from A-1 to R-1** – Miller offered the opinion that since the parcel has only been a single family residence conforming to R-1 requirements since its creation more than 40 years ago, and it has not since then conformed with A-1 requirements, that there has been either an omission by the town by not rezoning it when the parcel was created or there has been a mapping mistake made since then. Miller made a **motion recommending that the Town Board approve the requested change in zoning as a “map correction”**, for which the homeowner application serves as a notice for need as well as consent. 2nd on the motion by ?????, **unanimously approved**. It is likely that collection of the re-zoning application fee is not warranted for a map correction, and can be followed up administratively.

Old Business:

- 4) Review of **Chapter 30 - Public Parks, Conservancies** subcommittee update: The **Park & Forestry Commission will review the subcommittee recommendations at their July 12 meeting.** [This item should be included under Old Business on the next PC agenda.](#)

- 5) **Changes to Chapter 62, or implement a separate Pet Fancier Ordinance;** Ad Hoc committee report: Gerry Bersch requested comments on the current draft (copy was in the packets). In order to avoid ambiguity of the definition of “animal”, Gerry suggested **adding** the following to Section 62.01.a) Animal means both male and female sex of either wild or domesticated species, **excluding agricultural animals.** And add **i) Agricultural animal means those kept on farms, as distinguished from household pets.** Gerry also instructed the Commission to consider if the **“Addendum Humane Animal Care”** ought to be a component of the ordinance, or be issued as advisory/educational notice within the Town. A range of opinions exist on that. Ehmann noted that in Section 62.07(d) the title **Town Treasure(r)** is missing the final “r” and suggested that the word **Ordinance** be replaced by the word **Section** in 62.06.g), and in Section 62.08’s title the word **dog** be replaced by **domestic animals.** Miller requested that **Mike ask the Sheriff if the draft content of Section 62.08 establishes adequate ordinance foundation for inspection of premises for which related complaints are received. John will ask the Town’s attorney to review** the ordinance draft. Town Board member DeJardin, present in the audience, expressed the opinion that the proposed changes to Chapter 62 do not focus on the primary issue, which is the need for a “Pet Fancier” Ordinance”, and some variety of opinions were expressed. [This item should be included under Old Business on the next PC agenda.](#)

At 8:25 p.m. **motion** by Schleicher **to adjourn**, 2nd by Ternes, **unanimously approved.**

These minutes prepared by Miller were submitted to the Clerk on 7-13-2016 to be included under New Business of the next PC meeting.