

Minutes

Town of Byron Comprehensive Planning Meeting

Town of Byron Town Hall

February 28, 2017

Chairman Steve Wessing called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, committee members present were: Steve Wessing, Gary LangBruttig, Karen Martin, Rudy Dubnicka, Marlin Towne, Randy Faber, George Trewin. Also present were Eric Fowle and Kathy Thunes, both from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Others present were Jim V Geelan, David Geelan, Jeff Bednarek, Gary Becker, Scott Buechel, Pat Hicken, Kay Murre, Mary Laudolff, Tom Kelroy, John Nyhuis, Frank C Bantzer, Bob Simon, Russ Ratkowski, Jeff Hicken, and Vance Dalzin.

Chairman Steve Wessing read the Open Meeting Notification Notices and Postings. For the total notification-method you can request a copy from Mary Laudolff, Town of Byron Clerk. Chairman Steve Wessing also mentioned were the notices for the next meetings are posted; Byron Town Hall, N3097 State Road 175, Fond du Lac, WI 54937, the Town of Byron website at <http://townofbyron.com>, Kelley Country Creamery, W5215 County Road B, Fond du Lac, WI 54937, South Byron Posting at W6648 County Y, Brownsville, WI, 53006. Also mentioned, press releases will be provided at key points in the planning process.

Chairman Steve Wessing asked that the minutes for January 19, 2017 meeting be approved. Randy Faber made the motion to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Gary LangBruttig. The minutes were approved as written.

Chairman Steve Wessing then introduced Eric Fowler and Kathy Thunes both from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Kathy displayed the Future Land Use Map that showed the active quarries and the permitted areas for future mining. The dark purple areas on the map indicates the active quarrying, and blue on the map indicates the permitted areas for future mining. The total acres actively being mined is 406 and acres permitted for future mining is 164 acres. The second map presented by Kathy Thunes, indicates the present breakdown of were the "Existing Land Use & Features" are and were the "Future Land Use & Feature" could be. Some of the feature that could change are the quarry areas, mixed use areas, the wind generation areas, the residential and commercial areas. All future land use on this map can be changed in the future. Kathy Thunes then handed out a form that residents could make comment on the Town of Byron Comprehensive Plan and could mail them to Mary Laudolff, Town of Byron Clerk.

Chairman Steve Wessing then asked what governmental representatives were present from other governmental bodies. Chairman Wessing then asked if anyone had any comments or

question. The Town of Oakfield Board Chairman, Russ Ratkowski, thanked the Town of Byron for fixing a problem on Mill Pond road that was requested by the Town of Oakfield. Other comments were made about quarrying and the roads we presently have and the need for some of them to be upgraded and widened, especially on State Hwy 175. Other comments were on preserving the Niagara Escarpment and creating a trail near the Niagara Escarpment. The "Future Land Use Map" for the Town of Byron can be viewed at the Byron Town Hall, during Town Board and Planning Commission Meetings.

Chairman Steve Wessing asked the Planning Commission members for comments and if it was ready to make a decision on the Town of Byron "Future Land Use Map". Most planning commission members requested that the vote on the map as presented tonight, be tabled until any written request by the town residents had time to mail them to Mary Laudolff, Town of Byron Clerk and allowing the planning commission to consider their comments before voting.

Chairman Steve Wessing asked Gary LangBruttig for comments on the Fond du Lac County Board meeting. Rademann Stone and Landscaping Co. requested to the Town of Byron Planning Commission for rezoning of 36.2 acres of land from agricultural to industrial use. Gary LangBruttig stated that there were three things that he felt were important to bring up about that meeting. The Fond du Lac County Board had asked why the total parcel of 50 acres was not being changed instead of the 36.2 acres. Second, if there were residents living near the property, present at the Town of Byron Planning Commission Meeting and what their concerns about rezoning the parcel were. Third, a Fond du lac County Board Member went back to research the area by finding photos of the land before the Rademann Stone and Landscaping starting mining stone. He found that there were some homes in the area. I felt this was a good way for future Town of Byron Planning Commission Board members to get a better idea why the present-day board members made their decision.

Chairman Steve Wessing then ask the Town of Byron Planning Commission members what the time table we should set to complete the Town of Byron Comprehensive Plan. The planning Commission members felt that they could vote March 23 on the Town of Byron Land Use Map.

Our next Town of Byron Comprehensive Planning meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., at the Byron Town Hall.

Chairman Steve Wessing then asked for motion to adjourn. Randy Faber made a motion to adjourn. Marlin Towne seconded the motion. The motion carried at 7.50 p.m.

Respectfully

Gary LangBruttig