

Minutes

TOWN OF BYRON PLAN COMMISSION Byron Town Hall

September 20, 2016

Chairman Steve Wessing called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, committee members present were: Steve Wessing, Bob Geiger, Karen Martin, George Trewin, Marlin Towne, Steve Hayes, Gary LangBruttig, and Randy Faber. Also present were Kathy Thunes and Eric Fowle, both from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Others present were Kay Murre, Tim Buechel, Mary Laudolff, Jeff Hicken, Margaret Hicken, Pat Hicken, Dawn Kuechenberg, John Kuechenberg, Janet DeMuna, Jim Verbury, Gary Becker, Deb Wesphal, Wendy Giese, and Tom Kelroy.

Chairman Wessing read Open Meeting notification notices and postings. For the total notification method you can request a copy from Mary Laudolff, Town of Byron Clerk.

Chairman Wessing then introduced Eric Fowle from the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Eric presented a slide show explaining what a Conservation Subdivision is. Conservation subdivision design allow development to occur while permanently protecting the resources. It provides a buffer between residential development and non-residential uses. Areas for passive and/ or active recreational use or trails. Storm water management, and finally groundwater recharge. These steps help include bike and walking paths through the subdivision, help by setting the lot design to save the natural design of the land and in general to fit the subdivision to the contour of the land. A pamphlet, "Planning Implementation Tools Conservation Design "was handed out and can be requested from the Town.

Chairman Wessing then introduced Kathy Thunes from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Kathy handed out a Town of Byron suggested principles and strategies for non-metallic mining for consideration in the comprehensive plan update. There are 6 major considerations that are listed;

1. Recognize quarrying as an economic development opportunity for the Town.
2. Identify short and long term reserve areas that are most appropriate for mining activities and established clear policies for the expansion of the non-metallic mining industry.
3. Minimize conflicts with environmental features and functions of the natural landscape when siting new mines or expansion,
4. Minimize conflicts between existing and future residential development and non-metallic mining.
5. Provide reasonable regulations on the operations of non-metallic sites.
6. Reclaim depleted mining site per the requirements of NR-135.

A discussion took place and one of the areas discussed was the Niagara Escarpment 300 foot buffer. Eric Fowle discussed how the Niagara Escarpment can have key opportunities for the Town of Byron. Also that the Escarpment is not suited for mining. It is a natural benefit in the Town of Bryon and can be part of the growth of the economy and enhance the opportunities to establish a new recreation area for the town. Also mentioned that 422 acres are now being used for mining in the town or have the possibility of mining in the future. Most of the question were to help clarify the goals the town will need to discuss when planning our goals in the future.

Kathy Thunes from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission then went over the Vision statement and revisions made at the last meeting. Kathy then went through each change and discussion took place and the revisions or changes will be made and handed out at the next meeting.

After no further business, Chairman Wessing asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by George Trewin , second by Marlin Towne. Time 9:07 p.m.

Our next meeting Oct 18th 2016, 7:00pm, at the Town of Byron Hall.

Respectfully

Gary LangBruttig