

Town of Verona Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 7:00 pm

Town of Verona Hall

335 North Nine Mound Rd.

Members Present: Manfred Enburg, Ron Melitsoff, Doug Maxwell, Deb Paul, Laura Dreger

Absent: None

Staff: Amanda Arnold

Also Present: Pam Dunphy, Chris James, Bob Bovy

1. Call to Order/Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda – Manfred Enburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Melitsoff to approve the agenda. Second by Paul. Motion carried.
2. Public Comment – None.
3. Discussion with Dane County staff and possible action re: potential abandonment of Wesner Rd. - Manfred Enburg explained to the Dane County representatives, Pam Dunphy and Chris James, that the Town is interested in moving forward with the abandonment of Wesner Rd. Amanda provided a sketch showing a hammerhead turn around at the old dog park entrance. Pam asked why the Town wouldn't put the hammerhead at the church entrance instead. She also explained that Dane County is not interested in having a driveway agreement with the church. She also said Dane County understands the interest in abandoning the road beyond the church entrance. However, she stressed that the average daily traffic makes it hard to consider road to be only a drive. She added that having a church entrance off of PB is not an option, so the Town will be required to provide the church access to some form of Wesner Rd. There was a conversation about whether or not the church's drive could be taken off the proposed hammerhead and then the remainder of the road vacated solely for Dane County's use. It was decided that a meeting should be held on site with the church to discuss this possibility. Amanda said she'd arrange for the town engineer to attend and ask him to follow up with a cost comparison of taking the hammerhead up to the church verses creating a new drive for the church. Chris James added for everyone's information that Parks Department plans to open the new lot in May. They will leave ten spots in the old lot for access to the Ice Age Trail, but also remove the remaining parking lot material and use it in their proposed lot off of Sunset Drive. Dane County also plans to repair Wesner Rd this spring because it was damaged when the new lot was constructed. The new lot is constructed so that it can be expanded in the future if need be. It is expected that the new lot will serve 50 to 60 vehicles a day. Chris also asked if EMS service can use a private drive. Amanda said she would share the plans with Fitchrona EMS.
4. Discussion with Dane County staff re: driveway application for 7685 CTH PD - Pam and the Plan Commission reviewed plans for the new town hall site. She explained that there are currently two access points to the property. One is at the barn. The other is at the site of the old demolished home and barn. Thus, the Town can keep the drive at the existing barn and relocated the one at the location of the demolished home. Pam said she didn't think road expansion (a turn lane) would be necessary, but she would require a Type C drive design.
5. Chair's report - none
6. Administrator/Planner's report – Amanda handed out information from the Department of Administration about boundary agreements. She also handed out a draft resolution that the Town and City could adopt to formally kick off the process.
7. Approval of minutes from Feb 26th – Motion by Maxwell to approve the minutes with a change to the year. Second by Melitsoff.
8. Next regular meeting date – Confirmed for April 30th.
9. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Paul. Second by Dreger. Motion carried at 8:30 p.m.

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator

Approved: