

Town of Verona Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 6:30 pm

Town of Verona Hall

335 North Nine Mound Rd.

Members Present: Manfred Enburg, Ron Melitsoff, Mark Geller, Laura Dreger

Absent: Deb Paul

Staff: Amanda Arnold

Also Present: See sign in sheet

1. Call to Order/Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Manfred Enburg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Mandy Thomas explained that she plans to request an amendment to existing conditional use permit for 2796 White Crossing Rd. She wants to be able to bring more than the allowed number of horse in just during business hours for lesson. She sees this as a good alternative to asking for more horses. She plans to submit her application to the County on June 19 and will follow up with the Town.

3. Discussion and Action re: Land Use Change Application #2014-5 – Dated May 1, 2014 for property located at 7713 Midtown Rd. submitted by Dana Barre of Heartland Farm Sanctuary for Maxwell Family LLC. The purpose of the application is to allow for an animal sanctuary for natural and educational purposes. The application consists of a conditional use permit (rezoning and certified survey map were previously approved).

There was a general conversation about the application. Mike Willett submitted written suggestions for the conditional use permit (see property file). The following concerns were raised:

- Hours of operation into the night
- Buses and other traffic entering the site – Manfred suggested that the applicant bring a site plan of the future driveway layout.
- Potential conflicts with bikes on Midtown Rd.
- Availability of bathrooms
- Lighting
- The number of people attending events

Dana Barre attempted to address each of these concerns. It was decided that Amanda should assist Dana with outlining a series of proposed conditions.

There was general discussion about the changes in the land uses in the area.

The item remained tabled and it was determined that the Board would revisit the CUP at its next meeting.

4. Chair's report – Manfred's report was combined with Amanda's.

5. Planner/Administrator's report

Amanda briefly reviewed the application that was dropped for this meeting (a lot split on Manhattan Drive) and pointed out that when the comprehensive plan works starts again the Town should take a more detailed look at what's in farmland preservation. It would be prudent to eliminate residential areas from the farmland preservation area.

Amanda mentioned that the County is considering renting out the administration building by the Badger Prairie Home. A potential tenant is the Verona Area Needs Network. Amanda asked if the Plan Commissioners had any initial concerns. None were raised.

Blanket rezoning summary information – Amanda reviewed the latest summary of the changes. The group identified some properties for which they still had concern about the County's recommendations. Manfred asked Amanda to draft I potential motion for consideration that would outline which recommendations would be adopted and which would not.

6. Confirm next meeting date - Regular meeting 6/26. It was decided there would be no work session ahead of the meeting.

7. Motion to adjourn by Dreger at 8:35 p.m. Second by Melitsoff. Motion carried.

Amanda Arnold
Planner/Administrator

Approved: 6/26/2014