

THANK YOU, READERS

This editor appreciates those readers who kept him in the loop as they shared emails expressing their concern over the fact that the September 9 Plan Commission agenda had no listing for Public Comment.

At the Town Board meeting it was explained that zoning items and certain other items, by statute, require a public hearing. So, the Plan Commission becomes the venue for such hearing. As each item comes up on the agenda, public comment is welcome. After sufficient comments to gauge the tone of the information, the hearing is deemed closed and the discussion is pulled back within the body of the Commission.

A zoning change is an amendment to the County's Zoning Code and requires public hearing at the County level as well as final approval by the County Board.

While State Statutes mention public comment during public meetings, the statutes do not require public comment other than those items that require public hearing. This editor believes state statute 19.83 is most germane and offers the following link: [Wisconsin Legislature: 19.83\(2\)](#)

Originally this editor was going to include an article about why the Plan Commission is not going to be dissolved by the current Board of Supervisors but is putting that off until next month in favor of response to public comment.

If the reader has nothing better to do, they can use the following link: [Publications - Plan Commission Handbook - Center for Land Use Education | UWSP](#) This link will take the user to UW-Stevens Point's website where the Plan Commissioners' Handbook could be downloaded and perused.

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Public comments included a reminder to the board that a petition had been presented last month which showed 100% of the neighbors near the latest proposed storage units were against the zoning change. Another questioned where signage would be placed under the new speed regulations for Reighmoor Road. Another mentioned farmers leaving mud on roads. Several stated that issues of lighting and traffic flow and other issues around the latest proposed storage would be taken care of during the Site Plan hearing at the October 7, 2021, Plan Commission meeting. Another participant offered to answer questions about ATV/UTV use proposed changes.

The Board approved a zoning change from R-1 to A-2 for property located at 6038 County Road K. The owners needed to remove dual zoning. Around the year 2000, the Town turned over a zoning map to the County when zoning control came under County jurisdiction. In that map properties along certain roads were designated residential about 200 feet from the road and then, if the parcel was large enough, the remainder was classified as agricultural. Some time after that the Zoning Code ruled that properties needed to have only one zoning classification. Usually during a property split those old dual-zoned properties are brought into compliance. The Town, at least twice, has run a project in conjunction with the County to convert all those properties to single zoning at no expense to the property owners. Not all property owners took advantage of the offer, so these changes still show up from time to time.

A certified survey map was approved for the same property.

Site Plans were approved for two properties, one at 4612 Highway 116 and the other for Wisconsin Tubing.

The site plan approval for the new Mechanical Services site was not yet fully approved due to a need for examination of a change in language.

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for personal storage was approved for property on County Road K south of 9th Street Road. The following conditions were part of the approval:

- That the site's driving surface be a hard surface such as asphalt or concrete
- That the proposed signage, if lighted, be internally lit only
- That there be no outside storage
- That the structures have an earth tone/neutral color
- That the site be maintained, such as lawn cutting, and kept clean of debris and junk
- That any dead or dying landscape treatments be replaced within 12 months including that area along the south side of the proposed drive area
- That sufficient area be provided to allow for access and maneuverability of fire trucks and fire equipment

Another CUP was approved for public storage near the intersection of State Highway 21 and Reighmoor Road. The following conditions were part of the approval:

- That the site's driving surface be a hard surface such as asphalt or concrete
- That no signage be lit
- That there be no outside storage
- That the structures have an earth tone/neutral color
- That the site be maintained, such as lawn cutting, and kept clean of debris and junk
- That any dead or dying landscape treatments be replaced within 12 months
- That, in addition to the proposed planting, the berm proposed along the north side of the site be extended along the west side of the property (Reighmoor Road)
- That approximately 10% of the upper story trees proposed along Reighmoor Road be Spruce trees
- That sufficient area be provided to allow for access and maneuverability of fire trucks and equipment
- South driveway should remain closed until the completion of Phase I, so it's not being used during construction

It would be the expectation of this editor that both of these properties would undergo a Site Plan Review before improvements can start.

An ordinance to change the speed limit on Michigan/2nd Ave was adopted.

The Board approved the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

The Board selected the accounting firm HerberRose to conduct a professional audit.

They approved another operator's license.

The calendar of Town meetings for 2022 was approved.

Authorization for repair/replacement of the water heater was given.

In reports it was noted that the road in Ormand Beach Heights, 1st addition is now paved, the County Board is in the process of finalizing redrawn Board District maps, and the Town of Nepeuskun has adopted a Comprehensive Plan amendment in order to provide for Farmland Preservation and potential tax credits for properties zoned A-1.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is issue 9 of volume 2 of the on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro. Previous issues can be found on the Town of Omro website: <https://www.townofomro.us/town-newsletter.html>

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