

## **JULY 2020 MINUTES**

Note: These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next meeting.

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### **Town of Sharon Plan Commission Meeting** **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:30 p.m.** **Town Hall**

Call to Order: Chairman Gibbs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Gibbs, Commissioners Gagas, Filtz, Somers, Hilger

Absent: Commissioners Rombalski, Wisniewski

Notice of Meeting Postings: Notice of the meeting was posted in three places in the Town of Sharon and also on the town website and Facebook.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Commissioner Gagas, seconded by Commissioner Somers to approve the agenda. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Introduce New Plan Commission Member: Chairman Gibbs introduced Pam Filtz, the new member of the Plan Commission.

Action for Plan Commission Clerk (Secretary): Pam Filtz was nominated for the Plan Commission position of Clerk (Secretary). Motion by Commissioner Somers, seconded by Commissioner Gagas to approve the nomination. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sankey Zoning Change Request from A4 to C3: Allan Sankey and Rebecca Thorson, 2327 County Road K North, Custer WI are requesting a zoning change for parcel number 032-24-0906-02.02 which is currently zoned A4 to C3. This is a three-acre parcel. Since neither property owner was present to explain the request, Chairman Gibbs did not want to elaborate on the issue. Motion by Commissioner Somers, second by Commissioner Filtz to table the agenda item due to lack of representation. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Miller Request for 250' Self-Supporting Tower: Janice Miller, 7804 Edgewood Lane, Custer WI is requesting to have Bugtussel Wireless construct a 250' self-supporting tower on her property, parcel number 032-24-0915-02. The affected area size would be 100' x 100'. The property is zoned A1. Lee Larson was present to represent the Miller site. Mr. Larson explained the tower would include cellular service with AT&T being the provider and there will be wireless internet capability to rural areas. He further explained that AT&T was contracted by the U.S. federal government to build the nationwide network known as FirstNet. The tower will be in excess of 200' tall and it will have flashing beacons to be identified by air traffic. The tower range for data is approximately five miles.

Discussion then ensued from neighboring property owners concerned about depreciated land value and concerns about cancer causing radio waves and wildlife.

Mr. Larson mentioned Wis. Stats. 66.0404 which specifically addresses aesthetics in these situations. He provided a copy of that statute to the Plan Commission and elaborated that there is a lot of evaluation in the process. However, Portage County would still need to approve the request.

Motion by Commissioner Gagas, second by Commissioner Somers to allow the request to construct a 250' tower on the Miller property (parcel number 032-24-0915-02) with the following exceptions: Strobe lights to be installed on all three legs approximately half way up the tower for day time only (crop-dusting purposes); and adjust the tower distance fall radius so that it is contained in a single parcel. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Gibbs did not have anything to report.

Public Comment: Neighboring property owners once again addressed their concerns on the issue and Janice Miller also explained her thoughts on this process. The Plan Commission members responded to the neighboring property owners about their concern with the tower. However, the Commissioners need to stay neutral and have to base any decisions on state law.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Adjournment: Motion by Commissioner Gagas, second by Commissioner Filtz to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.