

**Town of La Pointe Zoning
Town Plan Commission Special Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2011**

Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present: Ted Pallas, Chair, Charles Brummer, Vice-Chair, Larry Whalen (arrives at 4:38), Greg Thury, Ron Madich, Suellen Soucek (6).

Town Plan Commission Members Absent: Carey Baxter (1).

Public Present: none.

Town Staff Members Present: Jennifer Croonborg-Murphy, ZA, Margaretta Kusch, ZCA (2).

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Pallas called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall. Roll call reflected members present or absent as recorded above.

II. Zoning Ordinance Revision Project

Discuss and possibly make changes to draft Zoning Ordinance Sections 1-16 and Zoning Map, dated 10/6/2010 in consideration of public comment received at December 1 and December 8 Public Hearings.

- In 4.3.B.3 Minimum Parking Required chart, change “*Sexually-Oriented Entertainment Business*” to “*Sexually-Oriented Business.*”
- In 4.4.B, change “*Asbland County Shoreline Ordinance*” to “*Asbland County Shoreline Amendatory Ordinance.*”
- In 4.4.B.5, change “*Asbland County Shoreland Ordinance*” to “*Asbland County Shoreline Amendatory Ordinance.*”
- In 4.4.C, change “*Asbland County Shoreline Ordinance*” to “*Asbland County Shoreline Amendatory Ordinance.*”
- In 4.4.D, change “*Asbland County Shoreland Amendatory Ordinance*” to “*Asbland County Shoreline Amendatory Ordinance.*”
- In Section 5.0, add a new item 5.1, to read: “*5.1 Findings. It is a primary objective of the Town of La Pointe to maintain and enhance its unique visual character. That character, emphasizing water vistas, scenic beauty, and historic buildings, could be threatened by the uncontrolled proliferation of signs. The resultant scenic blight would diminish the community’s attractiveness to tourists, reduce property values, and the distractions of excessive signage could aggravate traffic safety concerns.*”
- In Section 5.0, add a new item 5.2, to read: “*5.2 Purpose. The purpose of this section is to set forth additional requirements to safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare and to preserve and enhance aesthetic values by regulating and controlling the design, size, number, location, construction, illumination, installation, and maintenance of all signs referred to in this section.*”

- In 5.1.B.2, add the following language after the sentence:
“Examples include:
 - *“Open/Closed” (one per business)*
 - *“No hunting”*
 - *“No trespassing”*
 - *“No dumping”*
 - *“Vacancy/No vacancy” (one per business)*
 - *Political campaign signs announcing the candidates seeking public office and other data pertinent thereto, up to an area of four (4) square feet for each sign. Only one sign per candidate per premises shall be confined within private property with the owner’s consent, and removed by the owner within seven (7) days after the election for which they were made.*
 - *Construction signs that identify the architects, engineers, contractors, and other individuals or firms involved with the construction.”*
- In 5.1.C, add an item 7 to read: *“No sign shall contain obscene or derogatory language, symbols, or pictures.”*
- In 5.1.C, add an item 8 to read *“No sign shall be placed on or over the roof of any building.”*
- In 5.1.C.6, change *“passage or vehicles”* to *“passage of vehicles.”*
- In 5.2, add an item D to read *“D. Class F Signs. Temporary special event signs which promote events of community significance shall require authorization of the La Pointe Town Board.”*
- In 5.3 Classes and Type of Signs Permitted in Zoning Districts, add *“Class F Signs”* under Class and Type of Sign and *“All, except W-P District”* under Zoning District.
- Add an item 5.5, to read: *Removal of Signs. The Zoning Administrator may order the removal of any sign erected in violation of this section. The Zoning Administrator shall give five (5) days’ notice in writing to the owner of such sign, or of the building, structure, or premises on which the sign is located, to remove the sign or to bring it into compliance. The Zoning Administrator may remove a sign immediately and without notice if, in their opinion, the condition of the sign is such as to present an immediate threat to the safety of the public. If the sign owner does not comply with the orders of the Zoning Administrator, the Zoning Administrator is authorized to have the sign removed and the removal charged to the owner of the sign.”*

III. Schedule Future Meetings

- The next Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 4:30 pm.

IV. Adjournment

G. Thury moves to adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 6 aye. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 6:03 pm.

Town Plan Commission minutes are respectfully submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Thursday, January 27, 2011.

Town Plan Commission minutes are approved as submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Wednesday, February 02, 2011.