

**Town of La Pointe Zoning
Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2011**

Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present: Ted Pallas, Chair, Charles Brummer, Vice-Chair, Larry Whalen (leaves at 6:00), Carey Baxter, Greg Thury, Ron Madich, Suellen Soucek (7).

Town Plan Commission Members Absent: none.

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. Public Comment

None.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting, January 19, 2011

- On page one, change "*John Griffon*" to "*John Griffin*."

C. Brummer moves to approve the Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting minutes of January 19, 2011 as amended. All in favor, 6 aye, 1 abstain (G. Thury). Motion Carries.

b. Town Plan Commission Special Meeting, January 27, 2011

G. Thury moves to approve the Town Plan Commission Special Meeting minutes of January 27, 2011 as submitted. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 6 aye, 1 abstain (C. Baxter). Motion Carries.

IV. Zoning Administrator's Report

On file.

V. Consideration and/or Action of Permit Applications

a. Greg Nelson/Cheryl Allen RE: Division of parcel #014-00195-0300 @ 631 Middle Rd. from one parcel to three parcels

Nothing new submitted at this point.

VI. Old Business

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 2.0 Definitions, "*Educational Facility, Public*," change "*school*" to "*Educational Facility, Public*."

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- In 4.4 Shoreland Regulations, change “*Ashland County Shoreline Amendatory Ordinance*” to “*Ashland County Shoreland Amendatory Ordinance*” in all instances.
- In 4.4.B Removal of Shoreland Cover, delete text and replace with the following: “*The shoreland buffer zones created in this ordinance, which restrict the removal of shore cover, are intended to provide ecological benefits, including, but not limited to: minimizing the impact on the water resource from adjacent, upland, and landward activities, filtering sediment and runoff, encouraging the uptaking of nutrients, stabilizing shoreland, providing food and cover for wildlife, and improving aesthetics.*”
- In 4.4.B.1, delete text and replace with the following: “*The shoreland buffer zone for parcels of land abutting on a navigable water or containing a navigable water, which qualify as existing parcels as defined in the Ashland County Shoreland Amendatory Ordinance, is thirty-five (35) feet deep.*”
- In 4.4.B.2, delete text and replace with the following: “*The shoreland buffer zone for parcels of land abutting on a navigable water or containing a navigable water, which do not qualify as existing parcels as defined in the Ashland County Shoreland Amendatory Ordinance, is fifty (50) feet deep.*”
- In 4.4.B.3, delete text and replace with the following: “*The cutting or removal of trees, shrubs, or other vegetation within a shoreland buffer zone is prohibited, except as provided for in Section 4.4.B.4 of this Ordinance. Except for the thirty (30) foot length referred to in Section 4.4.B.4 of this Ordinance, there shall be no cutting or mowing of grass within a shoreland buffer zone.*”
- Add a new 4.4.B.4, to read: “*Within any one hundred (100) foot length of the shoreland buffer zone, up to thirty (30) feet in length of the shoreland buffer zone may be clear-cut to the depth of the buffer zone.*”
- Renumber the current 4.4.B.4 to 4.4.B.5.
- Add a new 4.4.B.6 to read: “*From the inland edge of the shoreland buffer zone to the outer limits of the shoreland area, the cutting or removal of trees, shrubs, and other vegetation is allowed when accomplished using generally accepted forestry management and soil conservation practices which protect water quality. Such cutting does not require the issuance of a zoning permit.*”
- Renumber the current 4.4.B.6 to 4.4.B.7
- Delete Section 4.4.C in its entirety.
- In Section 5.0 Signs (and throughout Ordinance), change “*condo-type businesses*” to “*multiple business establishments.*”
- In 5.3.B.2, sixth bullet point, delete “*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,*” and replace with “*Only one sign per candidate per premises shall be allowed. The owner’s consent shall be required. The sign shall not be erected or displayed prior to the election campaign period, as defined in § 12.04 Wis. Stats., and shall be removed within seven (7) days after the election.*”
- In 5.3.C, add a new item 9 to read: “*Window signs shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total window area.*”

- In 5.4.A.1 Type 1 Signs, delete “Signs on condo-type businesses: the forty (40) square feet per façade requirement will be applied to the condo, not each business. Example: if there were four (4) businesses in one condo, each business would be allowed ten (10) square feet of signage.” Replace with “Signs on multiple business establishments in the Commercial Zone: When more than one business establishment is located in a single building or on one lot, such signage shall comply with the following requirements: Each business within the multiple business establishment shall be permitted one sign, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign face area. In addition, multiple business establishments shall be allowed one collective sign, not to exceed forty (40) square feet of sign face area.”
- In 5.4.A.3 Type 3 Signs, delete “Signs on condo-type businesses: the forty (40) square feet per façade requirement will be applied to the condo, not each business. Example: if there were four (4) businesses in one condo, each business would be allowed ten (10) square feet of signage.” Replace with “Signs on multiple business establishments in the Commercial Zone: When more than one business establishment is located in a single building or on one lot, such signage shall comply with the following requirements: Each business within the multiple business establishment shall be permitted one sign, not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in sign face area. In addition, multiple business establishments shall be allowed one collective sign, not to exceed forty (40) square feet of sign face area.”
- In 5.4.B Class D Signs, change “general brand” to “brand name.”
- In 5.4.B Class D Signs, add “unless as per Section 5.3.C.9” to end of sentence.
- In 5.5 Classes and Type of Signs Permitted in Zoning Districts, add “except as per Section 5.3.C.9” to the end of Class D Signs Zoning District.

VII. New Business

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Schedule Future Meetings

- Town Plan Commission Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 4:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

G. Thury moves to adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 6 aye. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 6:05 pm.

Town Plan Commission minutes are respectfully submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Thursday, February 03, 2011.

Town Plan Commission minutes are approved as submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.