

TOWN OF BELGIUM
PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
September 15, 2010

Call to Order: Chairman Francis Kleckner called the Plan Commission Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Tom Dieringer, Dennis Dimmer, Larry Bares, Cathie Urness, Al Poull, Charlie Parks, Ginger Murphy, Tom Winker, John Riordan and Carol Pomeday from the Ozaukee Press. Bill Janeshek and John Paulus excused.

Minutes: Motion by Poull, second by Urness, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Ordinance Section 2.6 – Mobile Homes: Charlie distributed suggested verbiage to clarify this section. Modified to read: *Mobile homes and/or recreational vehicles are not allowed for use in any type of habitation.*

Zoning Ordinance Section 4.4 – Non Typical Quantities of Pets: Charlie distributed suggested verbiage regarding non-typical quantities of pets. Added: *Non-typical pets, and/or non-typical quantities of any type of animal, and the housing of livestock in the R-1 Residential District.* This suggestion avoids a list of only acceptable situations and allows this type of pet ownership to be looked at as a conditional use permit which can be revoked if problems occur.

Zoning Ordinance Section 5.2 – Fences: Charlie distributed suggested verbiage. Section modified to read: *Fences of any kind are not allowed in the land below the Wisconsin DNR established Ordinary High Water Mark.* Original verbiage said the 'beach area' which needed a clearer definition. This should cover what Ozaukee County does not to prohibit fences on the beach.

Zoning Ordinance - Definitions: Added: *Driveway – That portion of a lot, parcel or property intended to be used for delineated access, paved or unpaved, from the abutting public street. Included in this definition are the Town's existing private roads.*

Motion by Bares to approve all of the above discussed changes to Zoning Ordinance, second by Urness, motion carried unanimously. Public hearing for these changes will be held before the Town Board meeting in October.

Petition for Limited Access on Sandy Beach: Several residents from Sandy Beach have presented a petition to limit access to Lake Michigan. Their petition included 1) That there be no parking of motor vehicles on the beach 2) That there be no motorized watercraft launching or recovery after 6 p.m. and 3) That parking on Sandy Beach Road be limited to 2 or 3 designated spaces. Tom Winker informed the Commission that three representatives from the DNR attended the September Town Board meeting and only one concerned resident from Sandy Beach was present. Discussions concluded that the DNR controls parking on the beach; no action is necessary by the Town. A sign has been ordered and will be placed at the end of Sandy Beach Road to disallow parking on the beach. Lake Michigan is not private, is for the enjoyment of all people and should not be regulated by the Town. Tom Winker will check on grants available to refurbish the boat launch at the end of County Rd D. Motion by Urness, second by Poull to recommend the Town Board take no action on the petition presented for limitations to Lake Michigan on Sandy Beach; motion carried unanimously.

Tom Dieringer announced his resignation from the Plan commission due to relocation outside Town boundaries. Tom has been on the Plan Commission since 1977. Mr. Dieringer's involvement and dedication to the Town of Belgium is commendable.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Ginger Murphy, Secretary