

PLANNING, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti, Don Bina, Bob Keil (exc. 4:50 p.m.), Beverly Mach, Dennis Manthei (4:20 p.m.), Tina Wehrs (3:35 p.m.)

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marlane Anderson

STAFF & GUESTS: Steve O'Malley, Jeff Bluske, Gregg Stangl, Margaret Norden, Bryan Meyer, Maureen Freedland, Jeff Schroeder, Syl Clements, Mike Weibel, Nate Sampson, Charles Weeth, Dave Lange, Keith Carson, Chris Fechner, Mary Wiemeyer, Craig Breitspecher, Mary Meehan-Strub

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2011

MOTION by Pedretti/Keil to approve the minutes of May 2, 2011, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent; Manthei, Wehrs excused. Supervisor Mach noted that the public hearing actually began at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Chair took the following item out of order:

COMMITTEE DIRECTION ON AMENDMENTS TO SIGN REGULATIONS

Jeff Bluske stated that the County Board carried a Resolution regarding a moratorium on new outdoor signs and existing sign conversions to electronic billboards. He reported that the County does not regulate state or federal highways, and that is the responsibility of the State Department of Transportation. He reported that the existing ordinance can be edited or a new ordinance created to specifically address signage. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the types of signs to be included, the ordinances adopted by other counties, the timing of introducing a sign ordinance, the possibility of a special committee to include members of the public, other public input and public hearings. Steve O'Malley recommended referring to staff to come up with three or four options to bring back to committee. He recommended doing a census of current signage that would be within the scope of the County Resolution, obtaining feedback from businesses, citizens, and other stakeholders, and seeing what other counties and the City of La Crosse have done.

MOTION by Pedretti/Mach to direct staff to come up with a range of options, and check with other counties, and come back to committee. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Syl Clements gave comment on his farming operation and letters he received from the Land Conservation Department and the Zoning, Planning and Land Information Department regarding non-compliance with State agricultural regulations and County zoning ordinances. He stated that the ordinance is obsolete, and asked for it to be updated. Staff was directed to work with Mr. Clements on his suggestions for an update.

SUPERVISOR CONFERENCE REPORTS

None reported.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Pedretti/Manthei to receive and file the following consent agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously. Anderson absent.

Board of Adjustment minutes of 4/18/11

Historic Sites Preservation Commission minutes 5/6/11

Sustainable La Crosse Commission minutes of 4/28/11

Redistricting Committee minutes of 4/26/11 & 5/5/11

ACCESS EASEMENT FOR BYRON FENNIGKOH

Bryan Meyer reported that the owner is providing a parcel to his son. Chris Fechner reported that a maintenance agreement and quit claim deed were ready to be filed with the Register of Deeds. Meyer recommended approval. **MOTION** by Bina/Keil to approve the access easement for Byron Fennigkoh. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent.

DECISION ON COON CREEK STRUCTURE #33 DAM REHABILITATION PLAN

Gregg Stangl reviewed the findings that were reported on the dam structure by the USDA Natural Resources Conversation Service and the State DNR, and the options for rehabilitating or reconstructing. He stated the NRCS would like to see a strong commitment from the County before expending resources to bring the dam up to code. He noted that the DNR appears satisfied with maintaining the status quo of regular inspections, and they were not concerned about an imminent dam failure. He stated that as sole owner, the County would have some level of liability for structures downstream from the dam if the dam should fail. Steve O'Malley suggested having an evaluation of the County's liability potential done by Corporation Counsel and the County's liability insurance carrier. **MOTION** by Mach/Keil to refer to Corporation Counsel. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent.

APPROVE LAND AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION PROCESS

Gregg Stangl reported that the County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) is due to be revised. It is a five-year implementation plan that sets local priorities and establishes goals and objectives. A Technical Advisory Committee has met to develop a list of soil and water quality issues. He stated the timeline was to work on a draft in June, present to the committee and hold a public hearing in July, and have final approval to submit in August.

REPORT ON RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Jeff Bluske reported that the first public hearing is scheduled for June 7, 2011, at the Town of Holland. The next meetings can be scheduled for June 14 and June 21, 2011; however, they are still seeking townships to host. Meeting notices will be published. They will also seek public service announcements to promote attendance.

CONTINUATION OF ZONING PETITION NO. 1866 FOR PAUL A HOSCH; OBO BIG EVENT CO & PRETASKY LAND LLC

Jeff Bluske reviewed the previous decision to refer the petition to allow time for the township to make any recommendations. The Town of Campbell added a restriction to limit entertainment to the inside of buildings, except the courtyard, deck, and when there are private parties. **MOTION** by Pedretti/Manthei to approve Petition No. 1866 with Town of Campbell conditions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent; Keil excused.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested other than previously noted.

RECESS

MOTION by Bina/Manthei to recess until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing. **Motion carried unanimously.** Anderson absent; Keil excused. The meeting recessed at 4:55 p.m.

Approved, July 5, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder