

**Sauk County Planning, Zoning and Land Records Committee Meeting**  
**March 10, 2011**

**Committee Members Present:** Lehman, Ashford, Gaalswyk, Halfen, Nobs

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Mark Steward, Brian Simmert, Gina Templin, Steve Sorenson

Lehman called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. and compliance with the open meeting law was certified.

Motion by Halfen, seconded by Ashford to adopt the agenda as provided. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Gaalswyk, seconded by Halfen to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Gaalswyk, seconded by Ashford to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Jerome Thiessen appeared and read a newspaper article written by Brian Simmert in relation to the Comprehensive Plan and the benefits of planning in a community. He also provided copies of emails relating to cellular tower impacts on aviation and transportation. He followed up by reading a prepared statement, with his main issues being that the newly approved towers do not have to be lit or marked.

Nobs asked about flight patterns Mr. Thiessen takes. Thiessen commented.

Halfen asked if the tower is within the Baraboo Range Protection area. Steward stated it is not within the protection area, however, if it was, it would not be allowed to be built.

Halfen then spoke of issues on notification for public hearings.

Nobs spoke of flying out of the Baraboo and Reedsburg airports and the landfill tower that was just approved will not affect the flight patterns for either of those airports.

Thiessen stated the Baraboo airport will survive, but the Reedsburg airport will soon be closed.

Steward read the decision letters for both newly approved towers and verified that as part of conditions, they must be lit and marked properly. He also spoke of being in contact with Verizon to make sure they follow the lighting and markings that have been requested.

Ashford confirmed that both towers will be marked and lit. Steward confirmed.

Thiessen stated he wants to kill the tower all together and wants it moved away from him and will stop at nothing to prevent the tower from being built.

**Communications:** Steward spoke of communications he has received and responded to on the tower issues. He also provided the committee with a listing of FAA permitted landing strips/airports and

confirmed that any issue near property that has an airport on it, whether private or commercial, will be noticed. He stated for all cellular towers that come through the Department, all permitted airports will be notified. He concluded with informing the committee that he has provided this list to Joe in Mapping and they will be placed on the GIS site.

**Departmental Update: Planning & Zoning:** Steward continued to speak of the tower listing that he handed out showing all airports per the FAA and the noticing that will take place for all towers, as well as any land use that will come to the PZLR committee or board near their area.

Steward then reviewed the department report.

The committee discussed in detail the septic maintenance program and the pumpers.

Sorenson appeared and provided an update on the sign issue and the Dellona Supervisor request to follow up on sign violations. The committee discussed the action to take on the signs he located that do not have permits. If a new face or maintenance on the sign is done on a legal non-conforming sign, it has to be permitted and meet setbacks and loses its non-conforming status, which can be addressed in an ordinance update.

Steward continued with review of the departmental report.

The Committee then discussed the exclusive Ag density policy and meeting from March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Assembly 34 and Senate 24 bill were then summarized in relation to the Working Lands program.

Simmert provided the 4<sup>th</sup> addendum to Lake View Estates to be reviewed and approved. Motion by Halfen, seconded by Gaalswyk, to approve the plat, with the condition that the partition wall be built in the boathouse be constructed and the Town approve the plat prior to being recorded. Motion carried.

Discussion on a night meeting date for vision/mission/goals and program and priorities review by the Committee. June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room is the committee's first option. If that is not available, they would like May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. Steward stated he would get with Administration and verify which date works best and let the committee know.

Motion by Ashford, seconded by Halfen to adjourn.

Next meeting date: March 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Gaalswyk

