

Comprehensive Plan Meeting
January 24, 2007 at 6:00pm
Calamus Town Hall

Called to Order at 6:04 PM by Chairman John Kirchberg

Present:

Representing Foth: Project Planner Angela Gorall, and James Loreti
Calamus Town Board: John Kirchberg, John Kraus, Jr., Carole Garczynski,
Clerk: Marjorie Beilke
Planning Committee: John Wedel, Randy Minnig
Electors: Bob and Marian Haas, Alfred and Barbara Schneider, David Stange

Meeting Notice verified published in the Daily Citizen on Saturday January 20, 2007 and posted at the Town Hall, Schultz's Cheese Haus and The Bell on January 13, 2007.

Agenda:

Following introductions, John Loreti gave a history of planning awareness. Highlights were that the Town had adopted a Land Use Plan in March of 1998. After which the State of Wisconsin signed a Comprehensive Plan Law, 66.1001, that states towns must have a Comprehensive plan in place by January 1, 2010. In July of 2006 the Town Board asked Foth for a "gap" analysis of current plan to comply with this new law.

Project Planner, Angela Gorall presented our objectives and a brief overview of the State of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law

Project Planner Gorall asked the Town Board and Plan Commission to review a proposed Public Participation Plan as well as a Town Plan Commission Ordinance

Angela Gorall and James Loreti performed an "Issues and Opportunities" exercise, this to understand the most important issues and opportunities which will help in developing the goals of the comprehensive plan. It was noticed that a similar exercise completed for the 1998 plan had similar results. Both times most important to those present were the preservation of farmland and the rural landscape. Some of the issues expressed were the loss of farmland, unchecked development- both residential and commercial, and "mega" farms. Some of the opportunities expressed were the agricultural based community, recreational land, and rural landscape with access to good schools, new hospitals and larger urban centers.

Planner Angela Gorall presented the Vision Statement from the 1998 plan. She stated that a vision statement is not required by state statute. After review it was unanimously decided that the 1998 Vision Statement was a good statement, still pertained and should be included in the new plan.

Chairman Kirchberg offered to the board that the mapping for the project would be completed by Dodge County at a cost of \$2,000.00. In turn, Foth has agreed to deduct the amount of \$2,000.00 from their plan cost.

Angela Gorall asked that the board to review the maps currently used by Dodge County for any changes. It was determined that the current land use map from Dodge County will be the starting point from which the new plan will commence.

Discussion began regarding a Community Survey. It was decided to forgo a survey and pursue the possibility of sending postcards to all property owners informing them of the new plan and the public informational meeting tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2007 at 6:00 PM. Planner Angela Gorall will present a cost.

Next "working" meeting will be during the monthly board meeting of February 14, 2007 at 6:00pm. Board is to review the Public Participation Plan, Town Plan Commission Ordinance, and the Map 4-9 of the Utilities and Community Facilities.

Next Comprehensive Plan Meeting with Project Planner Angela Gorall will be March 21, 2007 at 6:00 PM

Adjourned: Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM with a motion from John Kirchberg, seconded by Carole Garczynski

January 30, 2007

Marjorie Beilke, Clerk