

MINUTES
PORTAGE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
March 26, 2019

Call to Order

Chair B. Jacowski called the meeting of the Portage County Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Committee to order at 5:03 p.m. in Conference Room 5, County Annex, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Members present: Splinter, Gussel, Morrow, Raikowski, and B. Jacowski
Staff present: Schuler, McNelly, Bowers, and Heins

Others Present

John Eron, Pete Arntsen, Zachary Goertz, Eric Southworth, Dale O'Brien – Portage County District 19, Lindsay Benaszkeski – Health and Human Services, and Chris Holman – County Executive.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. Members of the Public Who Wish to Address the Committee on Specific Agenda Items Must Register Their Request at This Time, With Such Comments Subject to the Reasonable Control of the Committee Chair as Set Forth in Robert's Rules of Order

No one registered to speak.

2. Review/Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2019

Raikowski moved to approve minutes as presented. Morrow seconded the motion, which passed by voice vote, 5-0.

3. Review – Vouchers and Procurement Card Authorizations

B. Jacowski noted for the record that vouchers and procurement card authorizations have been reviewed.

4. Discussion/Possible Action – Portage County as a “Promotional Partner” in the MREA’s Grow Solar Central Wisconsin Group Buy Program

Morrow moved to approve as presented. Raikowski seconded the motion. Holman stated as a promotional partner we agree to:

- Share program marketing communications to their clients and followers through email newsletters, print newsletters (if applicable) and social media
- Have printed program promotional materials available for people to take from Partner site(s)
- Provide space for two power hour presentations (1 hour long with 30 minutes before and after for set-up and take down) during the program (June through August).

And in return the MREA agrees to:

- Include Partners logo on all printed promotional material
- Include Partner as program partner in all media releases
- Create and provide content for Partner to share through email and print newsletters and social media
- Create and provide print materials for Partner to make available and share in-person with clients and the community
- Include an informational slide about Partner within the Solar Power Hour presentation deck.

Motion passed by voice vote, 5-0.

5. Discussion/Possible Action – Wellhead Protection Ordinance Text and Map Amendments

McNelly and Bowers gave overview of memo, text, and map amendments. Bowers provided correspondence from the DNR, Village of Amherst, and City of Stevens Point (copies on file).

Village of Junction City Map – Raikowski asked how the flow is mapped when there is heavy bedrock. McNelly replied the central sands groundwater model uses reverse particle tracking to determine the source water areas for wells. Raikowski asked the depth of the new well. McNelly replied the new well is 220 feet deep.

City of Stevens Point Map – Splinter asked what would happen if well 11 was used at full capacity. Southworth replied the maps show what it would look like at full capacity. Currently they are only running at 30-40% which is less than what is shown on the map. Southworth stated based on the well guarantee with the Town of Hull they cannot go higher than what they are currently using.

DNR letter – McNelly stated currently the Wellhead Protection Ordinance does not protect all public drinking wells, and it was suggested we look into incorporating these into our ordinance. Benaszkeski stated other “public drinking wells” include:

- 5 other than municipal systems (mobile home parks)
- 12 non-transient non-community systems (schools, factories)
- 130 transient non-community systems (restaurants, retail food, campgrounds, hotels, churches)

16 of the 130 transient non-community systems are over the maximum contaminant level of 10 parts per million (ppm) of nitrate which requires them to post about this and provide bottled water to their facilities. There are also 9 systems that are over 20ppm; State mandates they be connected to municipal water, drill a new well, or install a State approved nitrate removal system which is \$6,000-\$15,000.

Bowers stated we had just received this letter; therefore, we did not have a chance to incorporate this into the current text/map amendments. Holman stated the State is starting to look at groundwater at more of a public health angle. McNelly stated the EPA is going to start enforcing treatment of all systems over 10ppm, no more grace period for those between 10-20 ppm. Benaszkeski stated some of those higher systems include a County Park campground, restaurants, and recreational educational camps for kids. B. Jacowski stated there may be some new legislation coming into the picture in the near future that may help us as to what we can statutorily do; at this point we will have to work through it as it comes.

Bowers asked how the Committee would like to move forward. B. Jacowski suggested a special informational meeting for effected property owners to address concerns. At the very least, letters including the text and map amendments to newly effected property owners. Morrow suggested a public notice. B. Jacowski replied too many people would be missed. Holman suggested making electronic copies available via website vs. mailing. Eron suggested postcards and owners can request a copy of the packet if they are interested or view on the website. B. Jacowski asked staff to put something together and bring back. Morrow questioned the cost and staff time. Bowers replied he will bring back a cost analysis. Holman suggested contacting municipalities for suggestions as well. Arntsen suggested hosting informational meetings at the municipality vs. doing 3 separate County meetings.

6. Update – Campground Text Amendments

Bowers stated staff is currently working on several ordinance that have crucial deadlines; therefore, discussion on the campground ordinance will not take place until late summer or fall.

7. Discussion/Possible Action:

- a. Request for Special Meeting Attendance – Raikowski requested to attend Portage County Prosperity 2040 (3 meeting workshop) and WCA Educational Seminar. B. Jacowski approved.
- b. Approval of Attendance of Special Meetings - None
- c. Special Meeting Attendance Report - None

8. Correspondence

Bowers provided handout for WCA Educational Seminar (handout on file).

9. Department Report

None

10. Future Agenda Items

- Wellhead Protection Ordinance Text and Map Amendments

11. Next Meeting Date

The next P&Z Committee meeting date is tentatively set for April 23, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in conference room 5.

12. Adjournment

Splinter moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Raikowski. Motion passed by voice vote, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Heins, Recording Secretary

Barry Jacowski, Chair

April 23, 2019