

Town of Merton
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes of August 19, 2020

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Plan Commission Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Morris/Good. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Fleming, Morris, & Good, Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Commissioner Siepmann & Attorney Chapman

Also Present: Robert Ford, John Kroening, Jeff Kroening, Dan Geib, and Beth Hoeferde

Chairman Klink congratulated Planner Haroldson on 25 years as the Town Planner. Clerk Hann presented Haroldson with a certificate.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Certified Survey Map to Combine Four Parcels – Located on Northwoods Drive – Requested by Daniel Geib – N77W31615 Northwoods Drive – MRTT 0350-976, MRTT 0350-977, MRTT 0350-975 & MRTT 0350-974 – Haroldson compared it to the letter from Waukesha County back when he originally applied in 2018 and only a few things needed to be changed, but Waukesha County will comment on it. The fire district needs to be changed to Western Lakes, and the access serving the detached garage needs to be addressed.

A motion to recommend to the Town Board for approval and signatures after receiving conditions of Waukesha County was made by Jensen/Morris. Motion carried.

Updated Plan of Operation – Affordable Leasing & Distribution with a Request to Install an Additional Loading Dock with Additional Parking – Requested by Ford Construction on Behalf of Tom Kroening – N77W31202 Hartman Court – MRTT 0346-001 – Ten years ago they build this 12,000 sq. ft building. It's still a good size for them, but they are having a lot of inbound and outbound traffic. They would like to add three docks and expand the parking lot by adding parking spaces. The only thing that will be seen from the street is a platform. They are not touching the access from the street. The Plan of Operation hasn't changed. They questioned if there could be "No Parking" signs put by their driveway access. Griffin stated they could put "No Parking" signs but it would apply for their trucks as well.

A motion to approve the plan of operation with "No Parking" Signs was made by Fleming/Griffin. Motion carried.

Healing Trail in the Oconomowoc River Conservancy Park – Proposed by Tall Pines and Healing Trails – Tall Pines is working with a group from three rivers and they are proposing a woodland trail and a prairie trail. The trail is only 18 inches wide and there is an opportunity to cut the trails next week. The cost of the trail/path is with Tall Pines with a grant they received for approximately \$3,000. The group would be paid to design and cut the trails. It would be Tall Pines responsibility to maintain the trails.

Griffin stated he has concerns about the trails on top and below not being done yet. Haroldson stated they didn't design this trail to go with the existing trail. Jensen stated the ice age trail is for heavy hiking, the healing trail would be quiet and a different sort of experience. Jensen said she likes the idea of a smaller trail and it's nice to have option.

Haroldson stated she would like to build some support for the prairie. The cut path goes in a lot of different places. Griffin stated if it's not mowed on a regular basis, it will come back. It will need to be mowed once a month. There was discussion on erosion on the hill and how they would keep the trail from eroding.

Hoeferde stated they are also proposing a cellular solar trail camera in the lookout area that Tall Pines will pay for.

A motion for the Town to cooperate with this project and at this time with no cost to the Town was made by Morris/Jensen. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Fleming/Griffin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk