

Town of Merton
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes of July 5, 2023

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:37 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the June 7th, 2023 Plan Commission Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by Morris/Queoff. Motion carried.

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Morris, Siepman, Queoff & Good, Attorney Van Kleunen, Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Also Present: Kurt Barnhart, Walt Lautner, Marta Bartolacci, John Marek, Marty Iverson, & Clerk Hann

Old Business: None

New Business:

Land Altering Conditional Use Permit – To Conduct Land Altering Activities Associated with the Construction of a Berm at the West Side of Property along Hwy KE – Requested by John Marek – Tax Key MRTT 0432-045 – A motion to approve the permit to do the land altering activities necessary for creating the berm subject to getting permits from Waukesha County for access from the highway and erosion control was made by Jensen/Morris. Motion carried.

Attorney Van Kleunen clarified that those conditions of those permits would be incorporated in the conditional use permit as well.

Certified Survey Map (Land Exchange Between Town of Merton and Property Owner) – To Correct Road Right of Way – Requested by Town of Merton & Kurt Barnhart – Tax Keys MRTT0362-971 and MRTT 0362-982 – Klink stated this process started at least a couple of years ago. The Town purchased the parcel behind Barnhart's garage when the taxes weren't paid for years. The Town proposed to Barnhart a land swap so the Town can have the right of way on Stone Bank Road. Attorney Van Kleunen stated a condition of approval of this CSM is the electors of the Town need to authorize the Town to purchase or sell land. Hann said she believes it was already done and the Town was just waiting for Barnhart to agree to the terms.

A motion to recommend approval to the Town Board of the certified survey map to exchange the Town of Merton owned parcel and a strip of land owned by the Barnhart's within the road right of way as requested subject to Staff approval and all of the legal needs that need to be met was made by Siepman/Griffin. Motion carried.

Request for the Approval of Park Participation Funds (50% match) for the Cost of the Installation of an Additional Baseball Field to the Monches Park – Requested by Marty Iverson on Behalf of the Monches Rec Club – Tax Key MRTT 0297-976-001 – Klink said a 50% match for the Town would be difficult and basically, they are asking if the Board would be interested in contributing. Klink stated the Town has a number of parks, and the Board has no problem contributing some money for the fields, but he doesn't think the Town can match the 50%.

Haroldson said the Town has been generous to Monches Park, and Monches has wisely applied for participation funds, and Monches does contribute a lot as far as their share as well, but many of the other parks are having needs as well. Griffin recommended that the fund should be divided among the four parks.

A motion to recommend to the Town Board to use \$30,000 out of the Park Impact Fees to contribute to the diamonds in Monches was made by Morris/Good. Motion carried.

Planner Report/Update: Haroldson stated there is a Free Paddle which is being sponsored by the Oconomowoc Watershed and its initiating from the North Lake Yacht Club. They will do a tour of the Oconomowoc River Conservancy Park.

County Board Supervisor Update: None

A motion to adjourn was made by Queoff/Good. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas
Deputy Clerk