

Town of Merton
Plan Commission Meeting
Minutes of May 1, 2019

- Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Klink at 5:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Klink
- Minutes of the April 17, 2019 Plan Commission Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the date was made by Siepmann/Morris. Motion carried

Present: Chairman Klink, Commissioners Griffin, Jensen, Morris, Siepmann, and Good, Attorney Chapman, Planner Haroldson, and Deputy Clerk Claas

Absent: Commissioner Fleming

Also Present: Susan Buchanan and Liz Tobolt

Old Business: None

New Business:

Oconomowoc River Conservancy Park Plan as Presented by Tall Pines Conservancy, Native Roots and Planner – Buchanan stated that Native Roots designed a plan for the park. They are proposing to install a sign at the base of the trail at the existing parking lot. They are also proposing cutting a trail to the observation deck, and then the trail would go to the north to the future xeric prairie, and then go north further and connect to the ice age trail. They are planning a pollinator garden with raised beds. The walking paths would be handicap accessible. The amphitheater would be like an outdoor classroom with boulders and rocks. They are planning much later in the future to have a foot path east to the river and would like to see a bird observation deck. Phase 1 would be to mow the trails, put up signage, finish trails, and seed the pollinator garden and possibly the observation deck and memorial.

Jensen questioned if they have plans for the maintenance of the pollinator garden. Buchanan said she will come back with a plan.

Griffin believes the roads are the most important thing and if they want to make it somewhat handicap accessible they could put reclaimed asphalt down, and then it will not be destroyed because it will pack down nice and tight and then in ten years if they want to pave it, the base will already be there.

A motion to support the park project going forward was made by Jensen/Siepmann. Motion carried.

Plan Commissioners Workshop – Conditional Use Permits – Attorney Chapman reviewed 2017 Wisconsin Act 67 for the Plan Commission. The commissioners discussed conditional uses for airports; antique shops, gift shops, art studios and similar uses; churches; automobile service stations and convenience stores. Haroldson suggested they broaden home occupations. Siepmann recommended the Plan Commission review one conditional use permit a meeting.

Other Zoning Updates – Haroldson distributed the fence ordinance with recommendations to the Plan Commission.

A motion to adjourn was made by Siepmann/Morris. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly R Claas, Deputy Clerk