

Town of Bayfield
Regular Plan Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14th, 2017

Meeting was posted on Tuesday, August 8th, 2017 at the Bayfield Town Hall, the Town of Bayfield website, and sent to the Ashland Daily Press Meeting notices. Plan Commission members present were Chairman Jack Beagan, Robert Meierotto, Robert Feyen, Fred Erickson, Demaris Brinton, and Nancy Bussey, and as well as Clerk Kelly Faye. Karen Boutin was excused. Seven members of the public were present. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Reading and approval of minutes of Regular Plan Commission Meeting of July 10th, 2017: A motion was made by Brinton, seconded by Bussey, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and identification of items for future agendas: Bussey asked that a discussion on short-term rentals in the Town of Bayfield be placed on the next agenda.

Communications and Correspondence: Beagan gave updates on recent issues. 1) The Wayne and Mirka Nelson application for a short-term rental that was considered by the Plan Commission and Town Board in July was approved by the Town Board. Beagan attended both meetings. He explained that he contacted Rob Schierman of the Bayfield County Zoning Office after the Plan Commission Meeting and was told that their office has never had any complaints related to short-term rental properties. This information was shared with the Town Board. The Town Board then discussed the Plan Commission's recommendation but voted to approve the request. Brinton commented that she would like the record to show that neighbors have voiced concerns about the request. 2) Beagan met with two representatives from Big Top Chautauqua to discuss how they could better communicate with the community. There was also a meeting that took place between Big Top Chautauqua and the landowners on Ski Hill Road.

Public Comment: Sean Heckman, who is a resident of Ski Hill Road, expressed concern that Big Top Chautauqua seemed to be operating under the impression that they have the permits they need to go ahead with their tent building project. Chairman Beagan clarified that the town has not yet seen a Conditional Use Application and until one is presented the issue does not need to be discussed extensively in this forum. Further comments were presented on the issue by Mike Nelson and Suzette Psychogios related to the proposed tent building and questions that have not been answered by the Big Top Chautauqua organization.

Old Business.

a. Update on progress in development of poster-style version of Comprehensive Plan and discussion and possible action on setting up work session meeting and/or public hearing date: This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

b. Update from Business Park Promotion Sub-Committee Meeting: Clerk Faye reported that a restructuring of the Committee was planned. This restructuring would allow sub-committees to concentrate on various tasks .

New Business.

a. Discussion and possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board regarding Class A Special Use Request from Roy's Pointe Limited Partnership for additional parking and outdoor storage for National Park Service, located on 3.24 acres zoned R-RB at 33705 Roy's Pointe Blvd. Tax IDs: 34006, 4272, and 35727:

David Culberson was in attendance representing the Roy's Pointe Project. He explained that he is a partner in the project. They are negotiating a 15-year lease, guaranteed for 12 years, with the National Park Service for their use of the property. Part of the agreement of the lease currently being considered is an increase in the amount of cold storage. The area of expansion would be in a location that has been graded in the past. Beagan stated that he went to the site and saw that the area is staked out. He asked if any neighbors have any issues with the request. Culberson responded that they do not as they are separated from the area and knew this kind of use would be going on at this property. Bussey made a motion, seconded by Meierotto, that the Plan Commission recommend that the Town Board approve the request. Motion carried.

b. Discussion and possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board regarding Class A Special Use Request from Jeffrey Emmel to construct a garage with sleeping quarters and a "tiny house", located on 5.03-acres zoned Ag-1 on County Hwy. J. Tax ID: 4467:

The applicant was not present. Beagan clarified the exact location as between Hauser's and Fire Tower Road on County Hwy J on the west side. Questions arose about whether the garage could already be there. Beagan stated he believes that both structures have not yet been constructed. Erickson had concerns about the sleeping quarters above a garage and what type of water and septic access they would have. It was agreed that Bayfield County Zoning would regulate those issues. It was then noted that the application states there will be a pit privy. A motion was made by Feyen, seconded by Erickson, that the Plan Commission recommend that the Town Board approve the request. Motion carried.

c. Discussion and possible recommendation to Bayfield Town Board regarding letter received requesting consideration of a Town of Bayfield noise ordinance which would cover Ski Hill Road:

Sean Heckman stated he thinks it is time to consider a noise ordinance and get some policies in place in advance of a possible new Big Top Chautauqua venue. The local residents in attendance have concerns that the concerts may get larger and louder and extend farther into other seasons if the new venue is built. Heckman passed out a copy of the City of Bayfield Noise Ordinance to the Plan Commission members. Discussion took place about how the City of Bayfield enforces the ordinance. Bussey expressed concerns about the fact that currently there is nobody assigned to enforce an ordinance in the Town of Bayfield if one is established. Brinton expressed her viewpoint that even if there is not yet someone to enforce an ordinance that is not a reason not to establish one. She asked what kind of character the Town of Bayfield wants to maintain. Beagan noted that noise carries differently depending on weather and humidity. David Barningham stated that he believes Big Top Chautauqua is a wonderful organization and suggested one option would be to enact a curfew for shows with the timeframe being earlier rather than later in the evening. It was suggested that if Big Top Chautauqua applies for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed venue noise regulations could be included in the conditions if approved. It was agreed that a noise ordinance would need to be fair to all in

the community. Beagan suggested that the Plan Commission accept the suggestion of a noise ordinance and work to establish a template to present to the Town Board.

Set date and time for next Plan Commission Meeting: Monday, September 11th, 2017- 5:30 PM.

Adjourn: Chairman Beagan adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Minutes respectfully presented by: Kelly N. Faye-Clerk