

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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## TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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### MINUTES ST. GERMAIN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2005

**Meeting Type:** Special Workshop Meeting of the P & Z Committee. The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Todd Wiese, Chairman
2. **Roll Call -Members Present:** Ted Ritter, Mary Platner, Todd Wiese, Lee Holthaus, Marion Janssen, Tim Ebert, Zoning Administrator, Tom Martens, town clerk.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Holthaus that the agenda be approved. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Janssen that the minutes of the August 29, 2005, workshop meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
6. **Zoning Administrator Report – Discussion/Action:** There was no zoning administrator report.
7. **Ordinance Amendments Discussion/Action:**

**7A. Review and Approve Accessory Structure Final Draft:** Ms. Platner had prepared a final draft. Ms. Platner asked that the following change in wording be made to section 1.16, “and no dwellings shall have a footprint of less than 720 sq. ft. of habitable living area”. The following additions were also made: (1) Section 1.35(5)(C) a residential dwelling shall have a rear lot line setback of 40 feet. (2) Section 1.36 (5)(C) a residential dwelling shall have a rear lot line setback of 40 feet. Also, accessory structures in the Downtown Business District shall have a zero foot setback. Motion Holthaus seconded Ritter that the Accessory Structure amendments be approved as changed. Approved.

**7B. Amendment to Chapter 8, Section 8.03, Safety and Trespassing:** Town chairman, Jim Wendt, did not like the five-acre minimum lot size for the discharge of firearms or bow and arrows or crossbows in Mr. Ritter’s draft of an amendment. Mr. Wiese, therefore, also prepared a draft of an amendment: (1) No firearm, regardless of caliber and no bow and arrow or crossbow, regardless of make or design, shall be discharged within the Town, on any land within 150 feet of any adjacent property, without the written consent of the adjacent property owner. (2) Any discharge in compliance with this section shall be so aimed as to cause the projectile to travel in a direction parallel to, or away from adjacent properties or habitable dwelling. (3) This section shall not apply to person engaged in bonifide practice with a bow and arrow, provided an appropriate backstop is employed to prohibit an arrow from traveling onto the property of others and in a direction so as not to place others in jeopardy. Mr. Ritter thought that the 150-foot minimum was not enough for firearms, but was too great for bow and arrows.

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Motion Holthaus seconded Janssen that Mr. Wiese's draft of the amendment to section 8.03 be approved with the following changes: (1) the words "on any land" in item #1 shall be removed, (2) item #1 shall be moved down to a separate line, (3) "firearm" shall be defined by reference to the Wisconsin Statutes. Approved.

- 8. Rezoning – Discussion/Action:** There was no discussion
- 9. Subdivision Approval – Discussion/Action:** There was no discussion.
- 10. Conditional Use Request – Discussion/Action:** There was no discussion.
- 11. Plat and Survey – Discussion/Action:** There was no discussion.
- 12. Miscellaneous Agenda Items – Discussion/Action:** There was no discussion.
- 13. Letters and Communications:** There were no communications.
- 14. Committee Concerns:**
  - 14A. Dogs at the Flea Market:** Ms. Janssen quoted St. Germain's dog ordinance stating that no dogs or cats shall be allowed on any town park. There have been complaints at the Flea Market, but this would apply to all events. Mr. Wiese will bring the ordinance to the attention of the town chairman.
  - 14B. Curfew:** Mr. Ebert asked that the town park be closed at 10:00 P.M. and that the Vilas County Sheriff's Department patrol the park. Mr. Wiese was concerned about the fireworks, etc. running past 10:00 P.M. Mr. Ebert suggested that all scheduled events be exempt. A resolution could be drafted, if the town board was in agreement.
  - 14C. Shannon Lake:** Mr. Ebert reported that he had received a complaint of someone jet skiing and water-skiing on Shannon Lake. There was a sign stating "No Motors", but it is gone. There is a town ordinance stating that motors are to be run at "no wake" on the smaller lakes. Mr. Ritter will review all provisions of the current ordinance and suggest any changes, if necessary, prior to the beginning of the 2006 boating season. No further action was taken at this time, pending Mr. Ritter's review of the existing ordinance.
  - 14D. Zoning Amendments:** Ms. Platner asked if Vilas County had responded to our zoning amendments. Mr. Wiese stated that the county had not responded. Mr. Wiese will check with Vilas County on the status of our amendments currently before them. The present accessory amendment will be held until the others are completed so they can be submitted to the town board and Vilas County as a group rather than one at a time.
- 15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next regular Planning & Zoning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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**16. Adjournment:** Motion Ritter seconded Platner that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.  
Meeting adjourned 5:22 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

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