

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

## TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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### MINUTES ST. GERMAIN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 2009

**Meeting Type:** Regular 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:** Chairman, John Vojta, called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.
2. **Roll Call -Members Present:** John Vojta, Lee Holthaus, Mary Platner, Marion Janssen, Tim Ebert, Zoning Administrator, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Mr. Wiese was absent.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion Holthaus seconded Janssen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Janssen seconded Holthaus that the minutes of the September 25, 2009 special committee meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Public Comments:** There were none.
6. **Zoning Administrator Report – Discussion/Action:** There was none.
7. **Miscellaneous Agenda Items – Discussion/Action:**
  - 7A. **Dick Schwerman – South Bay Road Properties (Vojta):** Mr. Vojta handed out a letter that he had prepared to be sent to Mr. Schwerman stating that the town felt that there was nothing that it could do concerning the properties on the South Bay Road. Mr. Schwerman, however, could contact the Vilas County Health Department to see if there might any health issues with the properties. An application was included with the letter. Since there were no objections, Mr. Vojta will send the letter to Mr. Schwerman.
  - 7B. **Setback Requirements (Ebert):** Mr. Ebert had nothing to add. The matter will be taken off of the agenda until Mr. Ebert asks to have it added back on.
  - 7C. **Bielke – Ice House Issue (Bielke/Ebert):** Mr. & Mrs. Bielke were present. Mr. Bielke stated that his neighbors were using an old icehouse off of Peterson Road as a bunkhouse when they had an overflow of guests. There are no sanitary facilities with the building. Ms. Janssen was concerned about singling out this property when there probably are many properties in the same situation. Mr. Holthaus reminded the committee that it could not do anything about properties that were not brought to the attention of the committee. Motion Holthaus seconded Platner that Tim Ebert be directed to tag the property for non-compliance with the square footage requirement in the St. Germain ordinance. Motion failed. Mr. Vojta and Ms. Janssen voted against.

Motion Janssen seconded Platner that Tim Ebert be directed to tag the property for non-compliance with the square footage requirement for a dwelling for human inhabitants in the St. Germain ordinance. Approved.
  - 7D. **Toiley Property (Ebert):** Mr. Ebert questioned whether or not Mr. Toiley could live in his building on weekends while he was constructing the required addition. There is a privy on the property. The town ordinance would allow Mr. Toiley to live in a mobile home on the property, but not for more than seven days at a time, while the construction was being completed. Motion Janssen seconded Platner that Tim Ebert be instructed to contact Darrin Pagel, UDC inspector, to find out if the building will be subject to a UDC inspection once it is completed and that Mr. Ebert report to the committee his findings. Approved. Mr. Toiley does not intend to ever have running water in the building.
8. **Re-zonings – Discussion/Action:** There were none.
9. **Conditional Use Request - Discussion/Action:** There were none.
10. **Plat and Survey - Discussion/Action:** There were none.

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### 11. Ordinance Amendments – Discussion Only:

**11A. Sign Ordinance Off-Premise Update – Brief Explanation of Agendas for Tuesday’s Meetings (Platner):** Ms. Platner had nothing to add. The reason for the two meetings was so that everyone could attend at one of the times.

### 12. Letters and Communication:

**12A. Mr. Low Letter (Vojta):** The letter was tabled at this time upon the advice of the town’s attorney.

**13. Committee Concerns:** Ms. Platner was concerned about being able to meet the November 27, 2009 deadline for the off-premise sign ordinance.

**14. Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next regular monthly Planning & Zoning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 4:05 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**15. Adjournment:** Motion Janssen seconded Platner that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 4:58 P.M.

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