PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE
TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
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MINUTES SPECIAL ST. GERMAIN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 5, 2008

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, Todd Wiese, called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

2. **Roll Call -Members Present:** Todd Wiese, Mary Platner, John Vojta, Lee Holthaus, Marion Janssen, Tim Ebert, zoning administrator.

3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion Platner seconded Vojta that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2008 meeting was tabled until the minutes have been typed and posted for review.

5. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

    6. **Zoning Administrator Report – Discussion/Action:** There was not report.

7. **Ordinance Amendments – Discussion/Action:**
    7A. Sign Ordinance Progress Update: Ms. Platner presented the committee with copies of off premise sign ordinances from Presque Isle, Manitowish Waters, Lac du Flambeau, Land O' Lakes, Boulder Junction, Conover, and Eagle river. Additionally, she indicated eight (8) towns currently have an off premise sign ordinance and three (3) are working on them. Ms. Platner stated that Vilas County has no sign ordinance and is not anticipating one. Also, there will be a meeting scheduled by Jim Spring, Chairman for the Town of Washington, with all town to encourage Vilas County to pass an ordinance to regulate sign on State highways.

    7B. Sign Moratorium: Ms. Platner then presented a corrected copy of the sign moratorium reviewed by the committee last month. After review by the committee, there was a motion by Platner seconded Vojta to recommend to the town board that the moratorium be approved. Approved. Mr. Wiese will present the issue to the town chairman to schedule a public hearing. The town clerk will post and publish the notice.

    7C. Review of Chapter 6, Piers and Boats: Ms. Platner is working on redoing the town ordinances and questioned the need for chapter 6, Pier Regulations. Mr. Ebert indicated the he has never issued a permit for a pier and believes those regulations are not needed. Ms. Platner indicated that the Department of Natural Resources regulates piers, so the town doesn't need to. Also, NR 115 is almost complete which is likely to be more restrictive than the town's ordinance. Therefore, our ordinance would be invalid since it can't be less restrictive than the State. Motion Platner seconded Vojta to recommend to the town board that chapter 6.01 through 6.11 be repealed. Motion carried.

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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. **Miscellaneous Agenda Items – Discussion/Action:** There were none.

12. **Letters and Communication:**
    12A. Dan Schuler Complaint, UDC Inspection, 7641 Kuehne Road: Mr. Wiese reviewed and updated the committee on the UDC violation complaint by Dan Schuler on Kuehne Road. Mr. Wiese will notify the town board of the current status at the May 12th town board meeting.

13. **Committee Concerns:** There has been a complaint of building material garbage left on the road right –of –way at the Schuler residence. The public works supervisor will contact Cornerstone Builders to have it removed.

14. **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next regular monthly Planning & Zoning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

15. **Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Platner that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 4:40 P.M.

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Town Clerk (from notes by Todd Wiese)

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Chairman   Vice Chairman   Member

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Member   Member