

April 6, 2016 5:30 PM

Meeting Notice was posted according to law. The Portage Daily Register also received notice.

Call to Order: The Plan Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Devine at 5:30 PM.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, George Beasley, Joe Duesler, Rich Jacobson, Lois Rethard, and LeAnna Rittmann.

Others Present: Clerk Marlo Gustafson as Acting Secretary, Engineer Robert Roth, Town Attorney John Miller, Carl Johnson, and Nate Sievers with David Herkert representing WP&L/Alliant Energy.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Beasley/Duesler to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor by call of roll.

Approval of Prior Plan Commission Minutes: Motion by Rethard/Rittmann to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 as presented. All in favor by call of roll.

Alliant Energy Erosion Control Permit for SCR (Select Catalytic Reduction) Project: Alliant Energy/WP&L submitted an Erosion Control Application for a proposed upgrade to its air quality system. The project includes an addition of a Selective Catalytic Reduction system to Unit 2 to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions. Various upgrades to the plant are proposed to accomplish this. The elements of construction on the exterior trigger the Town's Ordinance and therefore an Erosion Control Permit is required.

Motion by Beasley/Duesler to recommend approval to the Town Board as presented with the following standards of approval:

1. The overall Storm Water Management & Plan for the Columbia Generating Station should be submitted and should reflect this portion of the site (as well as other related projects). This plan shall be stamped and a copy delivered to the Town for record. This plan otherwise required under higher-level WDNR industrial permitting requirements.
2. The work shall be inspected by the Town during construction to verify the installation measures and after construction to verify construction site and close-out.

All in favor by call of roll.

Alliant Energy Renewal of Erosion Control Permit and Storm Water Management Permit for GSU (Generation Step-up Transformer) Relocation Project and Clean Coal Facility Project: Renewal is needed due to time length of project. Motion by Beasley/Rittmann to recommend approval to the Town Board for renewal of the Erosion Control Permit and Storm Water Management Permit for the GSU Relocation Project and Clean Coal Facility Project. All in favor by call of roll.

Updating Policies and Procedures for Submittals: It was discussed that more stringent procedures are needed to keep order at Plan Commission and Town Board meetings. Certain limitations will be implemented in the future on how meetings will be conducted and how Plan Commission and Town Board members are addressed during meetings.

Election of Plan Commission Secretary per 81-7(A)(3) of Pacific Code: Discussed. Town Clerk has been asked to consider becoming an official Plan Commission member.

Other Reports: Engineer Roth discussed the process of getting residents to apply for building permits through the Town. The County Planning & Zoning responsibilities were discussed as well as General Engineering Co. responsibilities. General Engineering will be informed when a zoning permit is issued at the County level and will then send a letter to the property owner notifying them that a permit may be needed from the Township. This will hopefully ensure that building permits are applied for when necessary.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd.

Adjourn: Motion by Beasley/Duesler to adjourn at 6:45 PM. All in favor.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Acting Secretary