

September 4, 2018 5:30 PM

Call to Order: The Plan Commission Meeting was called to order by Chairman William Devine at 5:40 PM.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, George Beasley, Joe Duesler, Lois Rethard and LeAnna Rittmann were present. Rich Jacobson and Carl Johnson were absent.

Others Present: Town Attorney John Miller, Town Engineer Robert Roth, Clerk Marlo Gustafson, and Nate Sievers representing Columbia Energy Center (Alliant Energy) were also present.

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

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: Motion by Duesler/Rethard to approve the minutes of August 7, 2018 as presented. Motion carried with Beasley and Rittmann abstaining.

Amend Order of Business: Motion by Beasley/Rittmann to amend the order of business to accommodate those present. All in favor by call of roll.

Alliant Energy Permit Application: Nate Sievers was present to explain the reason for the application to Work in Town Right-of-Way on Murray Road. Their contractor, Payne & Dolan will pulverize the existing pavement from the end of the right of way of US Hwy 51 to the railroad tracks on Murray Road of approximately 1,495 linear feet. The contractor will reshape the roadway and install 6" of asphalt pavement in two or three lifts with a tack coat being applied between lifts. Gravel will also be hauled in for a 2-foot shoulder. Alliant Energy proposes to maintain the portion of Murray Road that is surrounded by Alliant property, but the Town will continue to own the road. Nate Sievers will provide the Town with a Road Maintenance Agreement before the next Town Board meeting. Motion by Duesler/Beasley to recommend to the Town Board to approve the permit application subject to the Town's Attorney approving the language in the Road Maintenance Agreement. All in favor by call of roll.

Showers Variance Request – Columbia County Planning & Zoning Report: Mr. and Mrs. Showers have not elected to submit a variance application to the Town. They also have not followed up with Columbia County Planning & Zoning since the Town Variance

Recommendation letter (dated July 26, 2018) was received by the Town from Columbia County Planning & Zoning. The Plan Commission authorized the Town Engineer and Town Attorney to draft a letter on behalf of the town for consideration by the Town Board. This letter will then be sent to Columbia County Planning & Zoning.

POA Encroachment Matter: The Town Engineer is still gathering information and is not ready to make a recommendation. He will be meeting with the Pride of America Camping Resort owners soon. He will also work on establishing the vision triangle at the corner of Hwy G and West Bush Road. The Town Chair asked to be involved in any meetings regarding the vision triangle.

Lakeside Drive Matter: A letter was received from Jeffrey Clark of Boardman & Clark in response to Attorney Miller's email dated July 16, 2018. The letter states that Portage Country Club will agree to meet with the Township only with the understanding that each party will be responsible for its own fees and expenses, at least until further agreement is reached or a formal application is filed. Legal Counsel will get a response ready.

Building Inspection Report: Reviewed. It was questioned whether a permit is required for simple replacement of a furnace.

Other Reports: None.

Adjourn: Motion by Duesler/Beasley to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, Recording Secretary