

Town of Namakagon

Comprehensive Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes November 8, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Members present: Abett Icks, P.C. Rasmussen, Sarah Boles, Mary D'Andrea.

Absent members: Patsy Rieckhoff, Jeff Raether, Jim Krueger

Public in attendance: 0

1. **Meeting Minutes** of October 4, 2017 tabled.
2. A **Residential Driveway Permit** for Michael Pilhofer (mailing address 5447 Washburn Ave. So., Mpls. Mn 55410) for property located on Buffalo Lake Rd, with the legal description of Lot 1, Section 35, Township 43 N, Range 5W in the Town of Namakagon, was reviewed. The property owner proposes building a vacation home on the property. Clay Burdett, of the Town Road Department, inspected the property and determined that the proposed driveway required a culvert and ditching to accommodate the culvert. As the request for the Residential Driveway met the Namakagon Land Use/Comprehensive Plan, a motion to accept the request was made by P.C.Rasmussen, and second by Abett Icks. All in favor, the motion carried. Mary D'Andrea will report to the Town Board Meeting, Nov. 21, 2017.
3. Continued work on **Comprehensive Plan**, Schedule 10.6, Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Implementation.
4. **Topics discussed:** Based on the request for Michael Pilhofer, the CPC requested clarification on the Driveway Permit process. When does the Town complete the culvert and driveway construction instead of a private contractor?

CPC discussed the potential environmental impact of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOⁱ) in the county. Request the Town Board to take a position on CAFO's.

Motion to adjourn was made by Abett I, and seconded by Mary D. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. Next meeting set for Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Mary D'Andrea

ⁱ A **concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO)**, as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is an animal feeding operation (AFO)—a farm in which animals are raised in confinement—that has over 1000 "animal units" confined for over 45 days a year. An animal unit is "an animal equivalent of 1000 pounds live weight and equates to 1000 head of beef cattle, 700 dairy cows, 2500 swine weighing more than 55 lbs, 125 thousand broiler chickens, or 82 thousand laying hens or pullets"

A CAFO is also an animal feeding operation of any size that discharges its waste into a waterway.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concentrated_animal_feeding_operation a/o 11-21-2017,