

## Town of Namakagon Comprehensive Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

For April 3, 2023

Board Members Present: Dave Hanks, Linda Kraft, Jim Krueger, Jerome Malmquist, Larry Pribyl. Absent: Ruth Goetz (had a conflict) and PC Rasmussen

Others present: Karl and Cindy Kastrosky

Meeting was called to order by Jim Krueger at ~7:05.

1. Jerome was appointed to be the secretary for this meeting.
2. The last set of the minutes were from December 5, 2022. A motion was made by Dave Hanks, seconded by Jerome Malmquist, and approved by all to accept the minutes as submitted.
3. Discussion on a Class A Special Use permit for the Jason Lindsey property located at 44795 Namakagon Sunset Road: The permit was submitted by Karl Kastrosky with North Country Vacation Rentals.
  - a. The property is located on Little Bass Lake in a quiet secluded area.
  - b. The intent of the owners is to rent to the “silent sports” people that want to enjoy the area. The owners have installed a charging station for electric vehicles.
  - c. Bayfield County will be reviewing the septic system, it should not be an issue.
  - d. It was noted that the North Country Vacation Rentals business has not had any complaints in the management of their properties.
  - e. A motion was made by Larry Pribyl and seconded by Dave Hanks for the Town of Namakagon’s Town Board approve the application and then forward it to the Planning and Zoning Board of the County. It was unanimously approved.
4. Discussion on the “Future Land Use Map” for the town of Namakagon: (There is a “Current Land Use Map” and a Zoning Map. The town is requested to mark up an existing Land Use Map for a “Future Land Use Map.”) The Namakagon Planning Commission needs to mark up the Generalized Existing Land Use map and return it to the County by May 12, 2023. The problem is that the County did not provide definitions for the various land use categories. For example, several areas of the map are identified as “Commercial.” The resort areas are labeled as commercial. This appears to be new. Looking at the map and locations, what the county has provided seems inconsistent. It is not clear what the County wants. Jim Krueger will meet with Laura Bjork to place a call to the County to ask questions and gain clarity.
5. Discussion on the County’s Short Term Rental Ordinance: There is much frustration with the County. At a County Planning Zoning Committee meeting, a county zoning fee was mentioned and discussed. The purpose was to provide funds such that the county could cover the costs to enforce zoning violations. Several of the Commissioners were opposed to the idea. The control point on what is allowed for a short term rental is based capacity of the sewer system. The State Health Department has defined what is a bedroom, the occupancy, and the potential loading of the sewer system. More discussion with and input to the County is required.

Motion made by Linda Kraft, seconded by Dave Hanks, and approved by all to adjourn at 7:36.