

JOINT TOWN OF BRIGHAM PLAN COMMISSION AND
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Town of Brigham Town Board and the Town of Brigham Plan Commission met jointly on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the Barneveld-Brigham Municipal Building Meeting Room in Barneveld Wisconsin. The purpose of this meeting was to allow the Town Board and Town Plan Commission to work on changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

In attendance were: Town Chair Jason Carden, Town Supervisor Jeff Zander, Plan Commission members: Steve Thoni, Tami Bowser, Doug Reeson, Duane Elfering and Al Feist. Clerk/Treasurer Audrey Rue was also in attendance. Town Supervisor Kyle Carden arrived about 6:35 PM.

Others in attendance were: Lisa Aumann, Mary Davis, Nancy Bilse, Dennis Carpenter, Jerry Davis, Ken Rue, Joe Karls, Elizabeth Ravindran and Greg Hilden.

Chair Carden called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. The Public Notice was approved on motion by Doug Reeson, seconded by Duane Elfering and Carried.

Chair Carden noted this meeting is a “working meeting” of the Town Board and Plan Commission. Before beginning, Chair Carden asked for public comments.

Discussion then took place between the Town Board members and the Plan Commission members about density options, prime soils and lot sizes.

Chair Carden asked for all members’ opinions:

- Duane Elfering: In favor of 2 Acre parcels – Don’t prohibit prime soil by restricting land. Also favored No Density.
- Doug Reeson: Agreed with Duane except Doug favored a density of 25 acres.
- Al Feist: Liked the two-tiered idea and 2 acre lots. Favored a 35 acre density standard with the two-tiered approach. Wasn’t sure about soil type restrictions.
- Tami Bowser: Like the two tiered idea with a 35 acre density on farmland and a 25 acre density on non ag land. Also liked the 2-acre parcel with anything smaller grandfathered in.
- Steve Thoni: Likes the Town of Dodgeville Plan. Favored a 3 or 4 acre lot size with a density of 15 acres.

- Jason Carden: Favored the two tiered idea with a 35 acre density on farmland and a 15 to 20 acre density on non ag land. Liked 2 acre lots. Does not like seeing woodlands developed – would prefer to see development allowed on field edges, etc. to lessen the destruction of woodland habitat.
- Kyle Thompson: Favors the two tiered approach, favored lot sizes at 2 to 5 acres and a 20 acre density or less.
- Jeff Zander: Likes the two tiered approach, likes 2 acre lots, wasn't sure about density and discourages development on farm cropland

Chair Carden, at the end of the meeting, again asked for public comment.

No decisions were made and there will be another joint meeting set up to continue these discussions.

Motion made by Duane Elfering at 8:09 PM to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jeff Zander. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Audrey Rue, Clerk/Treasurer