

Town of Brigham Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Town of Brigham Land Use Committee Meeting met on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 6:30PM in the meeting room of the Barneveld Brigham Municipal Building located at 403 County Road ID, Barneveld Wisconsin.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bowser at 6:30 p.m. All committee members were present: Tami Bowser, Dennis Carpenter, Scott Gaffney, Tony Kirch, Jim Massey, Judy Pincus, and Mike Straubhaar.
2. Dennis Carpenter was appointed Secretary
3. Approval of Public Notice and Agenda: Motion by Scott, Second by Jim to approve notice and agenda. Unanimous vote of approval.
4. Approval of September 25, 2017 minutes. One addition/correction was made. Dennis Carpenter was added as a yes vote for approval of the 8/21/17 minutes. Motion by Judy, second by Tony to approve the amended minutes. Unanimous vote of approval.
5. Discussion and recommendations for the Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan
A wide-ranging discussion occurred regarding the various issues associated with the Town of Brigham land use policies and proposed changes to policies. Considerable community input was voiced throughout the meeting. Seven motions/actions occurred throughout the meeting regarding the proposed option for Town of Brigham land use policy based on a density formula, and they are summarized here.
 - a. Following discussion of various lot sizes to be recommended as part of the density formula, a vote was conducted of committee members on preference for 20 or 35 acres. Tony and Scott voted for 20 acres. Tami, Dennis, Jim, Judy, and Mike voted for 35 acres. Based on this vote, the committee recommends 35 acres.
 - b. Considerable debated occurred regarding the language to be used to preserve farmland. The following policy was developed: "Development will be discouraged on cropland having a history of farming as designated in current USDA Cropland Records." Motion by Dennis, second by Jim to approve this policy statement. Unanimous vote of approval.
 - c. Some discussion occurred regarding commercial development policy. Motion by Tony, second by Judy to recommend that the 35-acre density be removed as a contingency in the commercial overlay area only and that the Planning Commission be directed to develop ordinances for commercial development within the township. Unanimous vote of approval.
 - d. Motion by Judy, second by Tony to recommend that this committee be allowed to review the Land Use Survey before distribution and to be able to make suggestions for revisions. Unanimous vote of approval.
 - e. Motion by Tony, second by Scott that these proposals be sent to the Town Board for consideration. Unanimous vote of approval.
 - f. Motion by Scott, second by Jim that this committee recommends that the Town Board conduct public education about the options on the survey before it is distributed. Unanimous vote of approval.

- g. Motion by Judy, second by Scott that the Survey provide enough information so that the public is clear about the options they are being asked to vote on at the time of voting.
Unanimous vote of approval.
- 6. Motion by Tony, second by Scott to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous vote of approval.
Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Dennis Carpenter, Secretary appointed for this meeting.