

VILLAGE OF POYNETTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Thursday, June 30, 2011 - 6:30 p.m.
Village Hall 106 S. Main St. Poynette, WI 53955

MINUTES

Called to Order to 6:32 pm. Present were: Avery, Hanson, Belay and Ross. Sampson arrived at 6:34 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2011: Hanson/Ross motion to approve, MC 4-0
2. Public Comment: Meg Hanson stated that they had made their comments at the last meeting and that she handed out a sheet containing their key points of: Proper ground water testing has not been completed; No other sites were given serious consideration for the retention pond(s); not if, but when, our properties are flooded our insurance will not cover it. We could lose our homes, and these ponds need to be located where the potential for disaster during flooding is at a minimum.
3. Scheduled Appearances: David Miller (on behalf of the adjoining neighbors): Dave Miller of Anderson Ashton, Inc. out of New Berlin addressed the Commission with the following concerns as he was asked to review the plans by the adjoining neighbors: soil boring indicated ground water at 5' to 6' and with infiltration that would push the water table even higher; the 2 ponds are in the lowest area and are located only 50' from the other properties. He expressed concern that other solutions like underground storage and tying into the storm sewer on E Washington were not looked at.
4. Business Items
 - a. Continued Review of Site Plan for the Poynette School District Stormwater retention ponds and preliminary discussion for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP is scheduled for July 19th): The Commission discussed and asked questions of Scott Groholski from Point of Beginning concerning the following issues: topography/contours for surrounding properties (Scott will add); water infiltration (Scott stated that infiltration will be less); over top or breach to ponds causing houses to get flooded (Scott stated that drains and speed bump in entry way were designed to divert water away from the properties in the case of a breach or over top – he also stated that if it does flood that it would be POB's Liability Insurance that would cover any flooding costs); "as built" plans would be needed after the project to insure compliance with requirements; how the ponds were going to look (Scott stated that if properly maintained it would look like a lawn and that it was mentioned that the school children would plant flowers and plants); clay bottom or liner in ponds to reduce infiltration rate (Scott stated that the costs of doing that were too high) Administrator Guild asked Dave Miller what alternatives he offered. Miller stated that he can't commit at this time as he has not had enough time to look into it, but stated that he would look at hard pipe both outlets and connect to the storm sewer or a clay liner and that the "Issue" is infiltrations. Guild asked Henningsgard what would happen if there was a hard connection to our system. Henningsgard stated that our system is not set up to handle that much water at one time and that the pipes are full after a 10 year storm (the water needs to be slowed down before it enters the system).
Ross/Avery motion to approve the site plan for the building renovations and addition only, MF 1-4
There was more discussion about the site plan as a whole; impervious surface and the needs for DNR Permits.
Ross/Belay motion to approve the site plan as of the June 30, 2011 plans, MC 5-0 The Commission added that they are going to want to see contours added when the Conditional Use Permit is looked at on July 19th. Meg Hanson stated again that if & when the ponds flood their insurance will not cover it. (Village Engineer Henningsgard stated that compacting the soil might help reduce infiltration without having to use clay or a commercial liner).

The Commission asked if there was a findings/check list to be used for the Conditional Use. Clerk Finstad said the time permitting she would look to have one made by the 19th.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Approved: 7/19/2011
Susan E. Finstad