

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 28, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning commission of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order in the lower level of the Brooklyn Community Building at 6:38pm by Chairperson Nadine Walsten. Commissioners present were Dale Arndt, Mark Bruner, and Nissin Rodriguez. Dorothy Frandy was not present. Marty Pilger had an excused absence. Also present was Deputy Clerk Kim Brewer, Rob Roth from General Engineering and Mark Degner from General Engineering.

Minutes: Motion Bruner/Arndt to approve the minutes from 3/16/11.

Possible Zoning violation at 109 Hotel St.: (mistakenly put on agenda as 100 Hotel St.) It was pointed out that this landscaping business that is operating at 109 Hotel St, is not an ideal type of establishment according to our current zoning code because it needs more space, vehicles have been blocking traffic, etc.. Owner, Cheryl Parrish has given the tenants notice that they need to be out by end of April as arrangement was temporary and a new tenant is coming in. Bruner says that according to our zoning code, there was no zoning violation. There is a firewall which is sufficient and was inspected by the fire dept in February. Bruner says it can be classified as commercial parking. Point is, they will be out by end of April.

Continuation of Comprehensive Plan revision discussion led by Rob Roth: Walsten points out that one asset we should add is the fact that we have a prime location being ½ way between Janesville and Madison. Discussion was also held on addressing zoning issues in the downtown area. Roth suggests taking inventory of all of the non-conforming buildings in the Village. Substantial revisions were made to the Natural Resource Goals, Objectives, and Policies section. Roth may have to do some revisions on the Agricultural Resource Section. Some discussion was had on how to make the downtown viable again. Roth says there is really no identity to our downtown and it would work better on Highway MM vs. where it is now. Rob will continue to make revisions on remaining chapters and bring back to the commission. Walsten suggests that the commission read ahead and be prepared to make comments for the next meeting.

Discuss Land Use or other Comprehensive Plan maps: Did not get a chance to discuss this.

Chapter 48 Zoning Ordinance revision proposal: Did not get a chance to discuss this.

Motion: Bruner/Arndt to adjourn at 9:13pm. Carried.