

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY PLANNING, RESOURCES,  
AGRICULTURE & EXTENSION COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Sheboygan County  
UW-Extension Office  
5 University Drive  
Sheboygan, WI  
Room 5020/5022

**January 5, 2012**

**Called to Order: 5:00 PM**

**Adjourned: 7:35 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Jack Van Dixhorn, Supervisor Michael Ogea, Supervisor James Baumgart, Supervisor Al Bosman, Supervisor Adrian Van Dixhorn

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Michael Rammer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Aaron Brault, Matthew Mrochinski, Brett Edgerle, Scott McMurray, Fritz Goebel, Jeff Quast, Mary Faydash, Lam Vongsakoun, T.R. Fitch, David Kovacic, John Gilipsky, Kathleen Rammer, Scott M. Schreiber, Ben Huizinga, Don Schmidt, David Gartman, Brian Schmitt, Kenneth Lisberg, Jamie Zweig, Tom Rowley, Gene Blindauer, Michael Bergin, MaryAnn Bergin, Mary LaViotette, Jim Kloppenburg, Ken Pipping, Lil Pipping, John Nelson, Shawn Wesener, Liz Braden, Bob Petrie, Fred Nierode, Pat Nierode, Kathryn Fabian, and Barb Pfister

Chairman J. Van Dixhorn called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Mr. Brault verified the amended meeting notice had been posted on December 22, 2011, at 3:00 PM and the meeting was in compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Supervisor Ogea made the motion to approve the December 1, 2011 Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension minutes as mailed. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosman. Motion carried.

Lil Pipping mentioned a complaint received about the odor from the pit toilets utilized by the campers at the Sheboygan County Marsh Park.

Chairman J. Van Dixhorn opened the public hearing to consider an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the Kohler Company c/o Brett Edgerle, 444 Highland Drive, Kohler, WI 53044 to develop a resort to include guest accommodations, consisting of "tent cabins", a bar and restaurant facility, spa, amphitheater, maintenance building, and associated parking within the Shoreland District of Lake Michigan and the Black River; other accessory uses (i.e. roads and paths) to be located within the Floodplain District of the Black River and the Shoreland Wetland District of Lake Michigan. Property located in part of Section 11 and Section 14, Town of Wilson, pursuant to Section 72.10(4)(j) of the *Sheboygan County Shoreland Ordinance*. Code Administrator Matthew Mrochinski explained the scope of the project along with Brett Edgerle, Supervisor of Civil Engineering for Kohler Company. Concerns were expressed by the following individuals: Don Schmidt, 305 Timberlake Road; David Gartman, Wilson Town Chairman; Ken Lisberg, 415 Timberlake Road; Mary Faydash, 5631 Driftwood Lane; Linda Jarr, 422 Timberlake Road; Liz Braden, 131 Timberlake Road; John Gilipsky, 219 Timberlake Road; Dave Kovacic, 115 Timberlake Road; Thomas Fitch, 131 Timberlake Road; Kathleen Rammer, 3010 Old Park Road; Scott Schreiber, 423 Timberlake Road; Tom Rowley, 407 Timberlake Road; and Frederick Nierode, 321 Timberlake Road.

The committee was presented with six letters regarding the proposed development. The letters were read out loud by Aaron Brault, Director of Planning and Conservation Department and will be filed with the department. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Supervisor Ogea and seconded by Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn. Motion carried. The public hearing was closed at 6:18 p.m.

Supervisor Baumgart made a motion not to act on the Conditional Use Permit and requested that the Planning & Conservation Department and Kohler look at alternative options regarding the entrance and exit to the grounds on the south side of the property. Supervisor Baumgart wanted to make certain that every effort has been made to check if existing roads could be used, and that the wetlands located within the grounds are not being jeopardized. Supervisor Baumgart also wanted to make sure that the Wisconsin DNR has been involved with the proposal. Brett Edgerle confirmed that there were several meetings from the beginning of the project with the State regarding the proposed development. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Supervisor Ogea made the motion to add a condition that states that the north emergency access road can be utilized by emergency vehicles only. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Baumgart. Motion carried. Supervisor Bosman made a motion that the north emergency access road be constructed where possible with a 25 foot setback from the Timberlake Subdivision property lines. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Ogea and carried. Supervisor Ogea made the motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit for the Kohler Company with the conditions set forth in the Staff Activity Report of Code Administrator Matthew Mrochinski and with the additional conditions that the north emergency access road can be utilized by emergency vehicles only, and with a 25 foot setback where possible from the Timberlake Subdivision property lines. Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn seconded the motion. Motion carried with Supervisor Baumgart voting nay.

Mr. Brault distributed a copy of a letter regarding the upcoming project at the Sheboygan County Airport going out to all landowners that are within a quarter mile. Mr. Brault mentioned that a meeting is being set up for the landowners.

Scott McMurray commented on the complaint concerning the pit toilet odor. He indicated that the care of the pit toilets are under contract and treated with chemicals once a month. Scott mentioned that he needs to obtain a fireworks permit for the Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast Festival, and provided the committee with further updates regarding the Marsh Park.

Mr. Brault distributed an update regarding the number of wells abandoned and the dollars paid out in 2011 through the Well Abandonment Program.

John Nelson, Sheboygan River Project Manager, mentioned that things are going well with The Nature Conservancy project. Soil sampling is nearly 95% done in the Otter Creek Watershed and will be moving into the Fisher Creek Watershed in spring. Everything is on schedule.

Supervisor Bosman made a motion that maintenance responsibilities of the wetland mitigation site at the Sheboygan County Airport be assumed by the Sheboygan County Planning and Conservation due to the present contract being cancelled with MSA Consulting. Supervisor Baumgart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Werner from Crystal Lake Crushed Stone contacted Assistant Planning Director Shawn Wesener requesting an extension to the present Consent Agreement with the Planning and Conservation Department. They agreed to moving equipment out of the Shoreland district within a three year period or they would cease to continue operation at the site. Shawn requested that Mr. Werner put this request in writing. The committee requested to be updated regarding this matter.

Mr. Brault updated the committee regarding the Sheboygan River Dredging Project. Mr. Brault mentioned that a Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the John Michael Kohler Art Center.

The issue regarding large farm equipment on town and county roads will be discussed at a later PRAE meeting.

Mr. Brault updated the committee on current department projects and programs.

Supervisor Baumgart made a motion to approve committee attendance for the Tile Drainage on Agricultural Lands Seminar on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at the Millhome Supper Club in Kiel and the Forage & Feeding Up-Dates Seminar on Friday, January 20, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Chissy's Restaurant, Waldo. Supervisor Ogea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baumgart mentioned attending the Water Testing Result Meeting for Town of Plymouth held at the Town Hall on December 7, 2011. Supervisor Bosman mentioned that he attended the Farmland Preservation Planning Kick-Off Meeting on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the UW-Extension. Supervisor Baumgart made a motion to approve per diem for Supervisor Bosman attendance at the Farmland Preservation Planning Kick-Off Meeting. Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed vouchers. Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn made the motion to approve the vouchers and the motion was seconded by Supervisor Bosman. Motion carried with Supervisor Ogea voting nay.

Next meeting of the Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee Meeting (Conservation Division and UW-Extension Focus) is scheduled for January 19, 2012 at UW-Extension Campus, Room 5024 at 5:00 p.m. The next Planning, Resources, Agriculture and Extension Committee Meeting (Planning Division & Register of Deeds focus) will meet on February 2, 2012 at the UW-Extension, Room 5020/5022 at 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor A. Van Dixhorn moved and Supervisor Baumgart seconded to adjourn. Motion carried; with adjournment at 7:35 p.m.

Barb Pfister  
Recording Secretary

Al Bosman  
Committee Secretary