

Gilman Plan Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

A meeting of the Gilman Plan Commission was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Chair Tom Manley. Present at the meeting were Board members Tom Manley, Steve Price, Phil Verges and Josh Turner. Also, in attendance was Jason Nelson, representative from Stantec.

Current Business

1. Meeting minutes from the 3-8-23 meeting was read and discussed. Phil made a motion to approve; Josh seconded; motion carried.
2. Steve made a motion to amend meeting agenda to go to second item-**Stantec: discuss and take action on Stantec CSM**; Phil seconded; motion carried.
3. Discussed Stantec CSM. Steve Motioned to approve CSM and forward to the town board for their approval. Phil and Josh abstained from voting due to their involvement with project. Tom will forward to Keith and Mike for their vote electronically. Mike seconded his response via electronically. Motion carried.
4. Discussed Schmitt Timber CUP. No members from Schmitt Timber were present. Recommendations for CUP approval are as follows:
 - Close in South and West sides of debarking/chop-saw building
 - Plant two rows of fast-growing vegetative barrier between building and neighboring Mueller property to the South
 - Vacate drive onto 850th at Southwest corner of Schmitt property. Plant and maintain a continuous tree barrier beginning approx. 150ft. east of this drive and continuing west along ditch property line. The planting should be of a fast-growing evergreen species. The intent of this barrier is to mitigate the documented impacts on neighbors on south side of 850th (Gunderson) from noise, light pollution, and dust.
 - Based on the current hours of operation, light and noise pollution at night have been reduced. It is recommended that Schmitt direct lights so as to not shine toward neighbors to the south and install motion detectors on any lights that are needed for nighttime security.
 - It is recommended that this permit be approved with a review at 1 year, and subsequent reviews every 5 years.
 - It is also the recommendation of the Township that Schmitt Timber make every reasonable effort to ultimately purchase the Mueller property and maintain it as part of their operation. It seems the present situation of a residence in this close proximity to industry will only continue to be problematic. If Schmitt does acquire the property in question, it is recommended that the above-described tree barrier along 850th be extended to the west to further reduce impacts to other residence to the south.

Steve made a motion to approve and forward to Town Board for their approval with the above recommendations; Phil seconded; motion carried.

Future Action

Discussed future dates to proceed with Comprehensive Plan review.

Phil made a motion to adjourn at 8:07pm; Steve seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Price, Secretary