Farmington Plan Commission Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2018 @ 7:00pm

E913 Prairie View Ln

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**Jack Fulcher presided. Call to Order:** Call to order at 7:00 pm. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

**Open Meeting Statement:** This meeting and all meetings of this Town Plan Commission are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press, in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes, so the citizens may be aware of the time, place and agenda of this meeting.

**Roll Call:** Jack Fulcher-Chair, Vistor Helbach, Bob Karpinski, Caroline Murphy-Town Board, Craig Nelson-Town Board, Monica Sperl, and David Thoe were present. Also present was Commission Secretary Danielle Taggart and 14 citizens.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion by Monica Sperl seconded by Victor Helbach to approve the agenda. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Approve Minutes** **of February 12, 2018:** Motion by Victor Helbach seconded by Craig Nelson to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

1. Propose zoning map amendment for purpose of Farmland Preservation. Ryan Brown, Waupaca County Planning & Zoning Director and Brian Haase, Waupaca County Land & Water Conservationist may be present for any questions/ answer period.
2. All marked property would be eligible $7.50 in tax credits you need to be on the map and have $6000.00 gross profit.
3. Zoning will be addressed at a future meeting.

**Questions/Comments:**

1. How are areas in yellow on proposed map determined? The Town Plan Commission and County worked on determination based on logistics and owner input.
2. Does it come with provisions for timber cuttings? If your woods are logged off, that dollar amount will apply to part of the $6000.00 income. Also consider that cuttings do not happen every year.
3. How long has Farmland Preservation been in place and can we go back and claim credit? This Farmland Preservation program was revised in 2009. Land owner can not go back and claim credit. Prior program was a fifteen-year sign-up program. Keep in mind it is the land owner, not the renter, that receives the tax credit.
4. Will this affect the town and the taxes thy would receive? No. Farmland Preservation has nothing to do with property taxes and will not hurt the town.
5. Is a land owner required to participate in Farmland Preservation? No. However, the land owner needs to notify the County Planning and Zoning of non-interest in order to be taken off the list.
6. How many acres in the township would this include? 40% of the township would be included at approximately 9000 acres. Side note: there are 8 towns in Waupaca County that have Farmland Preservation and others developing their plans.
7. If the Farmland Preservation program becomes acceptable and board approved, some lands in “agriculture” will need to be re-zones at no expense to the land owner. If, however, the land owner changes their decision and wants to be included, there is a fee to go through the process to be re-zoned.
8. **Adjournment:** Vicotor Helbach motion to adjourn seconded by Monica Sperl. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danielle Taggart

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