

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Plans

DATE: October 22, 2020

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Purpose of Meeting: Semi-Annual session to discuss 5-year assessment of the Comprehensive plan

Attendance: J. Zurfluh, E. Saylor, D. Berryman, B. Krol, D. Kasten, R. Bossert

Absent: Lisa Miller

Citizens: None

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Saylor at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** 6 Present, 1 Absent.
3. **Public comments on Discussion Topic:** None
4. **Discuss/action the Assessment done by the Administrator on the 20-year comprehensive plan:**
The group was provided with the Comprehensive plan as well as a summary that focused on the Goals and Objectives. This included an assessment by each category. Kasten recommended we focus on the lower marked items (the 1-2 rankings), the group agreed and we discussed each one to confirm or deny the ranking assigned. Areas we discussed:

Goal: Provide a range of housing choices that meet the needs of persons of all income levels, all age groups and special needs.

5 year Status: In 5 years the Village has added very few new houses. Only 25 have been identified, a 2.5% increase since our initial housing stock was determined in 2015.

RANK= 2

COMMENTS: we should do better to market Village property, Public and private, Posting on our website, advertisement. Reach out to developers to better utilize the vacant lots.

Goal: Maintain the quality and appearance of the existing housing stock.

5 year Status: Publishing the ordinances on the website and having more enforcement of the housing ordinances has created a good atmosphere in the Village. We have been working

with local and regional organizations on Grants but lack of publicity with our Village has been a shortfall. We still need an aggressive approach with civic organizations to help the needy when it comes to home improvements.

RANK= 2

COMMENTS: Can we look at ordinances to address uniformity of facades, stipends to assist Renovations.

Goal: Promote pride and community uniqueness by highlighting history and culture of the village.

5 year Status: Little has been done here, but with the establishment of the Alexander house we will need to capitalize on that resource to assist in this endeavor.

RANK= 2

Comments: a community calendar and synchronization of civic groups to promote events.

Goal: Continue to be supportive of agriculture and the role that it plays in the local economy and rural character.

5 year Status: While the Village maintains some agricultural land, little of it is actively farmed. We will continue to work with partners to support these endeavors as they arise. This will be evident in our Zoning rules and enforcement.

RANK= 2

Comments: we are not agricultural; we will revisit this in 5 years to remove.

Goal: Work with local businesses to ensure their long-term sustainability and address any emerging concerns and issues.

5 year Status: Minimal efforts have been done here, less general Village correspondence. Plans for a major initiative this year will address this with a Business Council meeting.

RANK = 2

Comments: revitalize the Village Business committee and set out some goals

Goal: Utilize inter-governmental cooperative efforts to the greatest extent possible to provide services that meet or exceed current levels, and are at or below current costs.

5 year Status: while we work with our local partners, we have few established agreements past the public safety realms. More efforts need to be placed here. Our involvement on the County board and some other organizations helps in this endeavor.

RANK= 2

Goal: Continue to support the plan of constructing a bridge in Port Edwards and the realignment of the WIS 54.

5 year Status: This effort has stalled based on the economy and the region dynamics but we will energize this concern in the future if appropriate.

RANK= 1

Comments: leave on as a placeholder for discussion in 5 years. Maybe entertain a smaller project (walking bridge, etc...)

5. We had a discussion that a more communication with the Villagers needs to happen, a consolidated community calendar to post events, possibly a external sign needs to be established to display information. A community update on the Mill is required, and discussion about the Edwards statute arose ensuring we do not lose it in the DMI discussion.
6. **MOTION** to present the Commission Findings/recommendation to the Board (Kasten/Berryman) all Ayes.
7. *Adjourn:* **MOTION** (Saylor/Kasten) to adjourned at 3:08 pm, Motion carried.

Joe Zurfluh – Chairman