

TOWN OF RIB MOUNTAIN  
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
January 13, 2010

Chairman Tom Muellner called the meeting of the Plan Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present included, Chairman Muellner, Laura McGucken, Tom Steele, Lee Benes, Kevin Mataczynski, Jim Hampton and Christine Nykiel. Dan Dziadosz and Bill Hebert were also present.

**MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mrs. McGucken to approve the October 28, 2009 minutes. Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC HEARING: Rib Mountain Sanitary District, for an amendment of the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Boundary, to include an area within the Rib Mountain State Park; containing approximately 38.87 acres. Also, an amendment of the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Boundary, to exclude an area legally described as: SEC 08-28-07 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX W 24' ALSO EX BEG AT SE COR N 160' SWLY 261.5' E 207.5' TO BEG. Copies of the exact legal description are lengthy and available upon request, as well as a detailed map of the areas to included and excluded. PC Docket # 2009-22.** David Grutzik from CWE Engineers, introduced himself and explained the project through a short PowerPoint presentation to the commission. There are two parts to the project; the first is reconstruction of Park Road and construction of a new public entrance and visitor center, and the second is running sewer and water mains to the top of the State Park for a total project cost of around 6 million dollars in 2010. Mr. Grutzik explained that this hearing is to amend the sewer service maps for the Wausau Urban Area Sewer Service Boundary.

Bill Bursaw, property manager for Rib Mountain State Park, explained that the state park master plan was updated in 2002 with the intention that water and sewer would serve the State Park. Public hearings were held in 2003, 2004, and 2005 regarding the overall concept plans for the park. Mr. Bursaw explained that water and sewer services were necessary since the Department of Administration and Department of Health have only approved a temporary holding tank and the existing water line is no longer viable.

Chairman Muellner asked if any other routes for sewer and water lines were considered. Mr. Grutzik explained a feasibility study was undertaken in 2008 that explored routes were considered including under Park Road, replacing the shallow line up the north face of the mountain, and the current proposal that runs along the existing utility easement. Park Road construction would have increased costs due to length of run and duplicate services since the high pressure line could not serve the existing homes. A shallow pipe replacing the old water line would only provide service half of the year. So they have opted to take the shortest route through an existing easement where no trees would be disturbed.

Roy Nottleson, 5103 Blazing Star Street, stated his concern for any tree removal, clean up after improvements, and storm water issues.

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Jay Whittman 2704 Fern Lane questioned the design of the booster station. Mr. Grutzik explained that the booster station would be off of Bittersweet Road and would be underground. The pumps would be submersible and would be 7.5 feet below grade. The booster station would be served by a gravel drive and minimal noise would be created. The overall foot print of the station would be 20' by 15'.

At the suggestion of the Mr. Whittman and some of the Plan Commission members it was discussed if moving the water line to the existing cut further to the east of the utility easement would be acceptable. Mr. Grutzik agreed.

**Motion by Mr. Mataczynski, seconded by Ms. Nykiel to recommend approval on the condition of staff review of reroute of water line. Motion carried 6-0 with Muellner abstaining.**

**CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Revisions to the Zoning code, Sections 17.095, yard setback adjustments, and Table 17.093, minimum dwelling unit separation. PC Docket # 2010-01. The Plan Commission requested to table discussion until the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE and QUESTIONS:** Mr. Dziadosz apprised the committee of an upcoming hearing in Rothschild regarding a bio-fuel plant. The plant would be located in the south yard of the paper mill. Rib Mountain residents across the Wisconsin Rive will be notified.

**AJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Steele, seconded by Ms. McGucken. Motion carried.**

Meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Hebert, Secretary

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