

## **Town of Menomonie Plan Commission Report for 2012 January 10, 2013.**

The Plan Commission held nine monthly meetings in 2012, compared to eleven in 2011. There were no meetings in July, August, November, and December and two in June. There were requests for one new CSM this year, two green space reconfigurations, and one special exception request. The Vista Sand rezone request took the majority of the time for three meetings. Leslie began taking minutes for the meetings this year. This adds to the ability of the Commission to do its work and we look forward to her continued help in 2013. With the Board's permission, we again continued to use the time to work on other needs. We thank the Board for support and encourage the Board to continue to be proactive in planning for the future.

As chairman I would like to recognize the effort and time put in by the other Commission members: Sally Casper, Bob Colson, Karen Groepper, Neil Koch, Earl Wildenberg, and Marty Ondruss. I am grateful for their cooperation and effort. Thanks also to Leslie for her attendance at the meetings.

### **CSM's**

The Commission acted on one new CSM in 2012, six CSM's in 2011, and eight in 2010.

### **Ordinances**

Last year the "groundwater recharge" ordinance was completed and approved by the Board. This year we are working to modify the ordinance to give it more flexibility.

### **Zoning**

Frank Bammert, Neil Koch, and Mike Kneer met with representatives from the towns of Tainter and Red Cedar and with County representatives to modify the County's draft zoning ordinance. The group finished the work and sent the recommendations to the County. In addition, we are still working to include language in the County's draft that allows density zoning in both major and minor subdivisions. In September there was a Cedar Corp presentation about extraterritorial (ETZ) zoning and how it might benefit the Town. A subcommittee will meet with City and Cedar Corp representatives to discuss the possible use of ETZ.

### **Comprehensive Plan**

The comp plan needs to be updated since it has been more than ten years since the actual plan was written. We are working with Stout to update element "a" and to update the mapping component. Frank and Mike have been working to update elements "c" and "d".

### **Going Forward**

At least two major time consuming issues face the Commission and Board this year.

- The Commission will continue to work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring that our ordinances and Plan are compatible, that the language continues to promote the Plan's goals, and that the data in the Plan is current and meets the state standards. Language needs to be added to address sand mines and the conditions surrounding them.
- We hope to be able to finalize our rezone of the Township within the coming year.

Mike Kneer  
Plan Commission Chair