

**Town of Menomonie Plan Commission Report for 2014
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The Plan Commission held eleven monthly meetings in 2014, up from 7 the previous year. There were no meetings in June and November and one extra in May.

With the Board's permission, we continued work on other township 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, Neil Koch, Earl Wildenberg, Lisa Pelnar, and Marty Ondrus. I am grateful for their cooperation and effort. Thanks also to Leslie for her attendance at the meetings. We welcomed Lisa Pelnar to the commission this year. She took the place of Karen Groepper, a longtime member of the PC. We thank Karen for her service.

CSM's

There were requests for only two CSM's this year. This compares with five in 2013, one in 2012, six in 2011, and eight in 2010. There was also one CSM that was deemed a special exception as described in the subdivision ordinance.

Zoning

The PC continued its work on the zoning map. A public hearing was held in March, adjustments were made after public input, and a final recommendation was made to the Board. The PC had several requests for a change in zoning after the map was approved and worked with the residents and Board to try to accommodate their requests.

Comprehensive Plan

Work on the comprehensive plan has continued throughout the year. The PC hopes to complete revisions, have a public meeting, and send it to the Board for final approval by May 2015.

Going Forward

At this time last year we had two very time consuming issues facing the Commission and Board.

- The revision of the Town's comprehensive plan.
- The rezone of the Town.

I am very happy to report that zoning is finished and the comprehensive plan should be complete By the end of May.

In the coming year the PC will be looking at the impact of zoning changes in the Town, especially in the GC zone.

The Town will also have a new website which will improve communication with the Town's residents.

Potential problems

The state legislature still seems to be considering legislation that would make it more difficult for local governments to regulate growth.

Mike Kneer
Plan Commission Chair