

Richland Pulaski Comprehensive Plan Committee
April 5, 2018

Present: Dawn Holynski, Chair; Shawn Doyle, Secretary, (Also Village Planning Bd. Chair), Village of Pulaski; Jan Tighe, Robin Ford (also Village Trustees); Town Representatives: Donna Gilson (town Board member); Melissa Wadkinson,
Excused: Maureen Anderson, Chris Stewart,

Meeting was called to order at 6pm by Dawn Holynski, Chair. Secretary asked for consideration of the February minutes at the next meeting. March minutes were read and approved upon motion of Donna Gilson, 2nd by Melissa Wadkinson. Shawn and Jan abstained as they were not present. All others in favor.

Dawn brought up concerns about negative social media regarding village and town improvements. Donna elaborated on the negativity from our village planning board and Carl Falk. Some discussion, Dawn brought the discussion back to focus on the plan in front of us.

Focus returned to page four of the recommendations. Discussion on flag lots. General agreement on disallowing them due to the problems with back lot access (winter and emergency planning).

This completes the review of the Village.

Review of Town of Richland-Page 5, discussion and edits on wind and solar usage. (Shawn to get a photo of the Wheeler wind turbine)

Discussion on the wind law, which will be considered at the April 10, meeting of the town. Dawn and Donna felt optimistic that the town will act on this, with minor changes.

Shawn asked that a sentence be added at the end of accessory uses paragraph along the lines of:

As new methods of alternative energy evolve, the communities should endeavor to take into account siting and its effect on contiguous property values, safety in fall range (for towers) and decommissioning plans. Sentence also added "in compliance with state and federal law" (page 5 paragraph 3)

Street Parking: Paragraph 4 discourage parking on front lawns and curb cuts.

The committee feels that a village edge district provides a smooth transition between two population and planning zones. Donna cited a good example of interior decorating how you don't go from a room of one strong color to another.

Page 7: 1st paragraph: Jan does not want to see R1 and R2 to be impacted by industrial floating district. The committee feels more clarity on light industrial and commercial uses and definitions are needed to protect the quality of life for R1 and R2 neighborhoods.

Shawn suggested for the next meeting the committee come up with lists of acceptable and unexpectable uses.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm upon motion by Donna Gilson, 2nd by Dawn Holynski. All in favor.

Next meeting will be in conflict with the PROP Community fundraiser at Half-Shire, so we will meet at 5pm instead.

Dawn asked all to continue reviewing the conceptual zoning changes, and to focus on acceptable uses in residential area for businesses.

Respectfully Submitted
Shawn Doyle