

Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan Meeting, August 3, 2023
H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse 6-7:30 p.m.
Village of Pulaski/Town of Richland
Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting

Members Present: Dawn Holynski, Jan Tighe, Donna Gilson, Robin Phillips and Robin Ford

Members Absent: Melissa Wadkinson

Guests: Larry Atkinson

Dawn Holynski called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Now that Shawn has resigned from this committee, Dawn asked the committee members to help taking notes, especially what they have personally mentioned in order for the minutes to be accurate.

Meeting Minutes: A motion was made Jan Tighe and seconded by Robin Ford to accept the July 6, 2023 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Comprehensive Plan: Dawn reported she had attended the Town Board meeting on July 11 where she explained to the board the discussion the committee had regarding pickleball. At our meeting Bonnie Scoville and Pat McDougal were present to explain the rising number of people in the community who would like more pickleball courts. Dawn explained to the board that pickleball is mentioned in the goals and recommendations in the comprehensive plan.

The board responded that there is discussion regarding the Richland Pond and Park to expand and there might be a place for a court there.

Dawn mentioned that additional outside courts are great, but there is a need for inside courts for those who live here that do not travel to warmer climates.

Larry Atkinson asked what the vacant building, formerly Tug Edge Equipment, is being used for and is it a possible rent spot for pickleball. The questions this committee had are some the pickleball association needs to ask and determine if it is feasible for them. We will continue to support the group and look for possible grant opportunities to build or add on to a building for additional courts.

Also noted was Brennen's Beach have pickleball courts that seemingly may not be used all the time. Maybe the group could seek that as a possible place for them to play.

Climate Action Plan: Dawn reported that Mike Boccuzzi mentioned that he finds printing CAP booklets is expensive and he is trying to find vendors who could charge less. He will get back to me on the number of booklets he can have printed.

Dawn mentioned she had a zoom interview with two Colgate College students who were doing a summer project on Climate Smart Communities. They asked numerous questions regarding the ease of getting certification, ease of obtaining points toward grants and how this has impacted the community.

DRI and NY Forward grants: Jan mentioned there are two grant offerings, Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward. The DRI is geared toward cities and villages that provides a \$10 million award to one community in each of the Regional Economic Development Council. The NY Forward grant is geared for smaller and rural communities with a focus on hamlets and small villages. NY Forward awards will be smaller but allows up to three awards per region -either two \$4.5 million or one \$4.5 million award and two \$2.25 million awards.

To start the application process, a letter of intent is due by August 18, 2023 for the DRI and optional for NY Forward. Application submittal is required by 4:00 p.m. on September 29, 2023 for both grant opportunities.

CSD: Dawn mentioned the residential development (Harbour Village) on Route 49 outside of Central Square was built by Harville Homes. This development has similarities to the conservation subdivision design this committee is hoping the Town of Richland and Village of Pulaski will adopt.

Jan Tighe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Robin Phillips, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting September 7, 2023, H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse, 6-7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Holynski