

Pulaski-Richland Comprehensive Plan Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2023

H. Douglas Barclay Courthouse

Grand Jury Room

**Members Present:** Dawn Holynski, Jan Tighe, Robin Phillips, and Melissa Wadkinson

**Absent:** Donna Gilson, Robin Ford,

**Guests:** Larry Atkinson

Dawn Holynski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made Jan Tighe and seconded by Melissa Wadkinson to accept the November 2, 2023 committee minutes. All were in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Fernwood Community Center:** Dawn mentioned progress is being made toward the monetary donations to obtain the deed to the former Fernwood Methodist Church for the Fernwood Community Center.

**Energy Smart CNY:** December 6, 2023 event at the library, open to the public and advertised at the Town and Village websites, posters distributed to business, etc. Lindsey Speer, director of the Energy Smart CNY, and staff presented information about how to heat and cool peoples' homes and/or businesses in various ways to avoid greenhouse gas emissions. They also provided information about grants and rebates that may be available to homeowners and businesses to convert homes and/or businesses to a more efficient and environmentally friendly. A small number of residents came.

**Comp Plan:** The Village board will vote on a candidate to replace Shawn Doyle's seat on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. We are looking forward to having Mark Dobrzynski attend our next meeting. Mark currently is a member of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

There was discussion about reviewing the Comp Plan. Two years ago, we updated the goals and recommendations only. We believe it is time to look at the whole document adopted in 2011. There was agreement that Chapters 1 & 2 should be reviewed independently and comment at our January meeting of our findings.

Also, there was discussion of having Zoom meetings for the months of January and February. Those in attendance thought it might be okay to do that; however, we need to have someone who subscribes to Zoom to help us with that. Melissa will ask some people she knows if we can use their subscription and Dawn will ask the Town Clerk if the Town can supply us with a password.

**Grants:** Jan said that the DRI or NY Forward grants decisions, of which counties are awarded, should be made by December 31, 2023. Jan also mentioned she is applying for a TAP grant from the Dept. of Transportation. If awarded, there will be major sidewalk connectivity from Springbrook – Delano Street and Scotchgrove – Selkirk Landing to name a few areas. Jan asked Dawn for a letter of support as chairperson for the Comprehensive Plan for these projects.

Jan Tighe made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Robin Phillips, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Meeting January 4, 2024. Zoom or in person TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dawn Holynski*