

Town of Menomonie Plan Commission Report for 2011 February 19, 2012.

The Plan Commission held eleven monthly meetings in 2011. There were no meetings in August and November and two in September. The number of requests for new subdivisions was low again this year. 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.

CSM's

The Commission acted on six CSM's in 2011, two less than in 2010. All were minor subdivisions and most were fast tracked.

Ordinances

The subdivision ordinance revision was completed and approved by the Commission after a public meeting. It was sent to the Board for approval.

The "groundwater recharge" ordinance was completed and approved by the Commission. It was sent to the Board for approval. The County may still use it as a template for a county wide ordinance.

Zoning

We are continuing to work with the County on its draft zoning ordinance. A group is working to adjust the number and placement of "special exceptions". Frank Bammert, Neil Koch, and Mike Kneer have been meeting with representatives from the towns of Tainter and Red Cedar and with County representatives. In addition, we are still working to include language in the County's draft that allows density zoning in both major and minor subdivisions. The County wants to complete its work on the zoning ordinance by the end of 2012.

Towns' Association Conference.

The Board paid to send a Commission representative to a one day conference in March. Its main topics were the role of the plan commission, creation of ordinances, working lands initiative (WLI), and updating comprehensive plans.

Going Forward

At the Board's instruction the Commission will begin work on updating 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.

Mike Kneer
Plan Commission Chair