

Town of Menomonie Plan Commission Report for 2016
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The Plan Commission held eight monthly meetings in 2016, up from six the previous year. 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.

This year the Commission adopted an organized step by step decision making criteria to use when making decisions regarding land use in order to make sure all recommendations to board are consistent and thorough and meet the goals of our comprehensive plan. All thanks for this goes to current member and former chairman Mike Kneer whose idea it was and who took it upon himself to develop. Thank you Mike!

As chairman I would like to recognize the effort and time put in by the other Commission members: Bob Colson, Neil Koch, Earl Wildenberg, Lisa Pelnar, Marty Ondrus, and Mike Kneer, and I appreciate their help in making the transition to commission chairman seamless. Thanks also to Leslie for her attendance at the meetings and completion of our minutes. I would also like to give a special thanks to Mike Kneer former Plan Commission chair who took the time to make the transition for myself to the chair position easy. I appreciate the continued guidance he has given as I learn the new position.

CSM's and RELATED REQUESTS

There were seven requests for a CSM this year. This compares with one in 2015, two in 2014, five in 2013, one in 2012, six in 2011, and eight in 2010.

There were three requests for zoning changes or zoning special exceptions.

One request was to change from GA (general agriculture) to LI (light industrial). This was sent to the board with the recommendation not to approve as the commission felt Light Industrial does not fit with the Town's comprehensive plan goals.

There was one request for a special exception a in a GC (general commercial) zone to allow for the construction of mini-warehouse units. This was sent to the Board for approval.

There was one request for a zoning change from R1 (residential single family) to GA (general agriculture). This request involved a zoning mistake on the county level where a single parcel was zoned two different zones. One portion in the Town the Menomonie zoned R1 and the other portion in the Town of Red Cedar as zoned GA. The Dunn County zoning ordinance does not allow a single parcel to have two separate zones. The commission reviewed the request but was unable to proceed with a official recommendation to the board as it did not have enough members for a quorum.

Comprehensive Plan

An additional map of preferred future use (bubble map) was added to the plan and approved by the board.

Going Forward

The PC will continue to take on requests and using the decision making criteria and the comprehensive plan as guides for all recommendation decisions.

Kent Jackson

Plan Commission Chair