

Town of Black Earth
Minutes of Joint Town Board & Plan Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022

1. Meeting call to Order. Plan Commission Chair Steve Parrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Plan Commission members Tony Danz, Chuck Bruhn, Bruce Johnson, Paul Wilichowski, Town Chair Barb Parrell, Supervisors Don Ripp, Tom Turk, and Clerk Stephanie Zwettler were present. Commission member Peter Weil was excused. Also in attendance: Peter Wood.
2. Proof of Posting. An affidavit of posting was provided.
3. Approval of the Agenda. Don Ripp moved and Bruce Johnson seconded a motion to amend the agenda removing letters 'c' and 'd' until a later date. Motion carried. 8-0
4. Updating current Town Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3-10 Land Use.
Don Ripp reported reviewing other town plans and suggested adding soil classification of as a criterion for proposed siting to limit development on agricultural land. Town resident Peter Wood suggested undisturbed prairie and ridgetops also be considered as areas where development should be limited. Town Board and Plan Commission members agreed that preserving farmland, land quality, and minimizing disturbance should remain top priorities in the Town's Comprehensive Plan. No action was taken at this time.
5. Consideration of ordinances:
 - a. Transfer of Development Rights. Commission and Town Board members discussed a potential TDR ordinance, the sale and purchase of dwelling units, receiving areas, and zoning. No action was taken at this time.
 - b. Intensive Livestock Operation. Commission and Town Board members discussed a potential ordinance to license livestock operations of five hundred animal units or more.
6. Discussion of future agenda items. The next meeting to further discuss these agenda items is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022.
7. Adjourn. Bruce Johnson moved and Paul Wilichowski seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Zwettler, Town Clerk