

Town of Black Earth Plan Commission

Commission members serve 3-year terms, beginning in April of the year; the Town Board Supervisor serves a 2-year term.

- Steve Parrell, Chair, reappointed April 2025 – term expires April 2028.
- Chuck Bruhn, reappointed April 2026 – term expires April 2029.
- Pat Helmenstine, reappointed April 2024 – term expires April 2027.
- Bruce Johnson, reappointed April 2024 – term expires April 2027.
- Peter Weil, reappointed April 2025 – term expires April 2028.
- Tom Ripp, reappointed April 2026 – term expires April 2029.
- Joann Bennett – reappointed April 2025 – term expires April 2027. (Town Board Supervisor)

5.3 MEMBERSHIP

(1) The Plan Commission consists of one (1) member of the Town Board, who may be the Town Board Chairperson, and six (6) citizen members, who are not otherwise Town officials, and who shall be persons of recognized experience and qualifications.

(2) Appointments. The Town Board Chairperson shall appoint the members of the Plan Commission and designate a Plan Commission Chairperson during the month of April to fill any expiring term. The Town Board Chairperson may appoint himself or herself or another Town Board member to the Plan Commission and may designate himself or herself, the other Town Board member, or a citizen member as Chairperson of the Plan Commission. All appointments are subject to the approval of the Town Board. In a year in which any Town Board member is elected at the spring election, any appointment or designation by the Town Board Chairperson shall be made after the election and qualification of the Town Board members elected. Any citizen appointed to the Plan Commission shall take and file the oath of office within five (5) days of notice of appointment, as provided under secs. 19.01 and 60.31, Wis. Stats.

(3) Terms of Office. The term of office for the Plan Commission Chairperson and each Commission member shall be for a period of three (3) years, ending on April 30, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, except:

(a) Initial Terms. If the initial appointments to the Plan Commission are made during April, the citizen members shall be appointed for staggered terms as follows: two (2) persons for a term that expired in one (1) year; 5-1 two (2) persons for a term that expires in two (2) years; and two (2) persons for a term that expires in three (3) years. If the initial appointments are made after April, the first citizens appointed to the Plan Commission shall be appointed for staggered terms as follows: two (2) persons for a term that expires one (1) year from the previous April 30; two (2) persons for a term that expires two (2) years from the previous April 30; and two (2) persons for a term that expires three (3) years from the previous April 30.

(b) Town Board Member or Chairperson. The Plan Commission member who is a Town Board member or Town Board Chairperson, including a person designated the Plan Commission Chairperson, shall serve for a period of two (2) years, as allowed under sec. 66.0501(2), Wis. Stats., concurrent with his or her term on the Town Board, except an initial appointment made after April 30 shall be for a term that expires two (2) years from the previous April 30.

1.11 SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS.

(6) Plan Commission Members. All citizens appointed to the Plan Commission shall be reimbursed **thirty dollars (\$30.00)** per meeting attended. In order to receive compensation, a member must be present at least fifty percent (50%) of the actual meeting time, as recorded in the minutes. **Per diem rate approved by TB 12/3/24.*