

SMART GROWTH MEETING APRIL 14, 2009

The Special Smart Growth meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman John Meyer. Members present: Alan Theis, Jeff Flaws, Wilfredo Barreto, Wanda Gosa, John Meyer, David Jennings and Jeff Roth.

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Wigderson; Scott Hussinger, Village Building Inspector; Heather McGuire and Christa Wollenzien of Yaggy/Colby; Scott Curty, 207 Kummrow Court; Brian & Tami Klink, 804 Lochtyn Ridge; Wade Wilson of Lake Country HVAC; Mary Jo Hultman, 403 Black Earth Road; Mike Helberg; N72 W38506 Lang Road Oconomowoc 53066.

Excused: Ken Mace, Larry Rigden and Wayne McStrack.

The Commission noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Plan Commission Members acknowledged receipt of the minutes of the Plan Commission meeting of March 10, 2009. Motion by Jeff Roth to approve and waive the requirement of the reading same, second by Alan Theis, motion passed.

Public Comment

Brian Klink stated, "The Village Plan Commission is doing a good job for the Village."

Geothermal Heating Systems

Wade Wilson of Lake Country HVAC was present to discuss geothermal heating/cooling systems. Geothermal technology is safe, clean, reliable and can save the consumer from 30% - 60% on monthly energy bills. Geothermal energy represents the leading edge of heating and cooling technology. It moves heat energy to and from the earth to heat and cool your home. Geothermal energy is an unlimited resource by using the lot surrounding the home to tap into the vast reservoir of thermal energy – typically 10 times the amount required over an entire heating season. This source is constantly re-supplied by the sun and the surrounding earth. A geothermal system captures free energy from the earth by using a series of pipes, called an earth loop, buried in the ground. There are generally three types of "loop" designs; horizontal, vertical, pond, and open loops. The horizontal loop will be less expensive than the vertical. The horizontal loops require about 100 – 300 feet per loop and are buried about 7 – 8 feet underground. The vertical loops will require about 3 – 4 holes and each hole will be about 100 – 200 feet deep. These loops should not be installed around the septic systems because it could cause the septic system to freeze. The life span of the unit is about 24 ½ years vs. a life span of a high efficiency furnace at 17 years or a 14 years for air conditioning unit. When properly installed the pipes for the loop system will last for over 200 years. Geothermal systems can be installed in cold climates. Currently homeowners who install geothermal heating/cooling systems are eligible for tax incentives under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill of 2009, and Focus on Energy is offering a \$250 rebate.

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Chapter 9 Implementation

Page #1, in the last sentence of the second paragraph, remove the “s” from “Borders” and add an “s” to “Agreement”. Page #4, use the property addresses instead of owners names – such as “Kent Hanson or Dungan”. Page #5, drop the green two paragraphs and Heather will rework the remaining paragraphs. Page #6, drop the three green paragraphs and Heather will rework the remaining paragraphs. Page #7, replace “alternative” in the first sentence of the green paragraph with “conceptual” and remove the green sentence in the third paragraph. Page #8, Heather will rework the wording of the examples and add a disclaimer to the page. Page #17, Heather will use a different word for “irrelevant.” Remove the last sentence of the second paragraph. Heather will rework the third paragraph.

Prioritizing the Chapters

Heather passed out handouts for the “Implementation Action Schedule” that they Plan Commission members should review and discuss at the next Plan Commission meeting and Pauline should get the results to Heather. The members need to go over the timeframe for each action and decide if this correct, and if not change to what the Plan Commission would like them to be.

NEXT MEETING DATES

May 12, 2009 Wales Community Building

June 9, 2009 Wales Community Building

July 14, 2009 Wales Community Building

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wilfredo Barreto to adjourn, second by Alan Theis, motion passed, unopposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Submitted by

Pauline Wigderson
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer