

Joint Plan Commission, City of Marshfield/Town of McMillan Boundary
Agreement Plan

Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2012

Present: Dave Swenson, Michael Stockheimer, Doug Lee, Dan Knoeck, Karen Woodford, and Alderman Ed Wagner

Absent:

Also Present: Steve Barg, City Administrator; Jason Angell, Planning and Economic Development Director; Alderman Gordy Earl; and, Josh Miller, Planner/Zoning Administrator; and, John Bujalski, Town of McMillan Plan Commission Chairman.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Wagner.

Minutes of October 12, 2012.

JPC 12-03 Motion by Stockheimer, second by Knoeck to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting.

All Ayes.

Motion Carried

Public Comment.

Swenson made a comment about the low water levels and the recent drought. The low water levels may be reducing travel for barges on Mississippi which could impact Wisconsin residents as it relates to the transportation of agricultural and other products.

Update on the Amendment of the Town of McMillan and City of Marshfield Cooperative Boundary Agreement Plan.

Miller went through the timeline for the amendment to the Cooperative Boundary Agreement.

Barg asked if there are any concerns with the plan expiring. Angell said if something were to come up, we would still have the Commission review it for feedback. We are not aware of anything coming up. He also mentioned we would likely follow statute requirements for tax payments of annexed territory.

Bujalski said the State is having concerns about changing exclusive agriculture to transitional agriculture. Don't see any issues between the Town and City coming up. The Town has to address exclusive agricultural land that the City doesn't have to address.

Review and Update of Transportation Planning for the Joint Planning Area.

Miller explained that the transportation plan is a draft and was put together in 2010. The plan is more of an inventory of what the proposed projects and issues are as they relate to vehicle and pedestrian modes of transportation.

Lee said County Road E is a very important traffic corridor and the road width and safety issues for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians will need to be addressed. The County gave a 3.4 million estimate to redo County Road E to Sugar Bush. The major cost is land acquisition.

Bujalski said they will need help from the City regarding the Mann Street and County Road E intersection. Jim Griesbach is the Highway Commissioner for Marathon County and has a good understanding of the concerns regarding this intersection. Expansion of Mann Street to the east is limited because of the home that was built right on the 40 line at the intersection of Mann Street and County Road E. Mann Street would have to be moved north or south or the house would have to be acquired. They may also want to consider a four-way stop there for safety.

Bujalski said there are vehicular and water/drainage issues at this intersection. The new Jehovah's Witness Church and two nearby subdivisions all drain down to that area.

Barg asked if Marathon County recognizes the significance there. Swenson said we need to make noise to be heard by Marathon County.

Lee said the important thing is that the County understands that it is a jointly recognized problem. The issue with this intersection goes beyond just the joint planning area, and should be addressed separately.

Bujalski stated that if we put together a joint effort, it will put together a lot more weight and suggested doing a history of vehicular accidents on that intersection. Another concern related to this intersection is we have a high pressure gas line near there which could be a problem if there is an accident.

Wagner, asked who would have that history? There should be one from the County.

Knoeck suggested that when we talk about it with the County, to ask about highway safety funds. May want to just focus on that intersection or improve County Road E from the City to the Mann Street intersection.

Bujalski said the vision triangle on County Road E from Mann Road is a problem. We would need to cut that hill down to properly address it.

Wagner asked when they are meeting with the County. Bujalski said they are meeting on Monday, December 17th and will try to get a timeline set up with their DOT and their Department.

Lee said there maybe should be a separate committee to look at this issue.

Wagner asked if the Town needs anything from the City at this time to move forward to address the concerns with County Road E and the intersection at Mann Street. Bujalski said not at this time. Wagner replied that we will let the Town take the lead on this and work together when the time comes.

Knoeck said the Town might want to hire someone to put together all the documentation to collect data and show the County the proof.

Lee said they talked to the County and were very cooperative about the County Road E expansion including a bike lane.

Bujalski said we have to meet with them to find out exactly what they are trying to do. There will be some development likely if the exclusive agricultural land is transferred. We need to plan for the infrastructure. The question should be asked if the Town can maintain existing roads before we expand them.

Lee said Marathon County is getting a lot of taxes from Menards and the shopping area, but wasn't sure what the Town or area was getting in return for it.

Woodford said it would be interested in knowing how much this area is getting taxed and what we are getting for it.

Set Next Meeting & Agenda

The next Joint Plan Commission meeting with the Town of McMillan will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013 at 10:00 am. The agenda should include the initial discussion of the Cooperative Boundary Plan Amendment.

Adjourn

Motion by Lee, second by Woodford to adjourn.
All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.



Submitted by, Josh Miller
Planner/Zoning Administrator