

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON

## PLANNING COMMISSION

**MEETING MINUTES**  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
 PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBAGGIA

N8309 STATE ROAD 108 | MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 | WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

**ATTENDEES:**

**CHAIRMAN:** Mike Raabe | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Joan Dolbier  
**ABSENT:** Steve Kirchner, , Paul Lash

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Farmington Town Hall
MINUTE REVIEW	<p>Crystal Sbraggia read the minutes from January 19 and January 26, 2016.</p> <p><b>Mmsp (Mike / Joan):</b> A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 19 and January 26, 2016 after changing the verbiage to reconvene rather than call to order at the beginning of January 26, 2016.</p>
ACT- ANDY SCHLIFER	No representative was present.
Michael Niedfeldt	<p>W5466 Baker Road parcel 5-1372-3</p> <p>Mike Raabe summarized the details gathered through conversations with Dale Hewitt at La Crosse County. He explained the concerns surrounding the possibility of Mr. Niedfeldt running or intending to run a salvage / junk yard business. Mike explained the options available to Mr. Niedfeldt depending on his commercial vs residential intentions.</p> <p>Mr. Niedfeldt confirmed to the committee that he does not currently nor does he have any intention to run a salvage business. His intentions for requesting variance revolve around his efforts to clean up his property to appease his neighbors. He restated his request to gain variance approval that would allow him to build a 60'x80' building, a shed large enough to house objects in question with room to accommodate future items. This building would prove to be 3,538 square feet larger than the 1,500 square foot county restriction. No variance for height was requested as the planned pole shed would fall under the 21' height restriction.</p> <p>Realizing the large variance, the committee did not feel comfortable recommending the request.</p> <p>Mmsp (Mike / Crystal): I make a motion to recommend denial of the variance requested to build a 4,800 square foot shed.</p> <p>Mike Raabe gave the Mr. Niedfeldt the option to request a smaller variance</p>

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	<p>closer to 3,000 square feet. Mr. Niedfeldt wished for the committee to move forward with the next agenda item before making a decision.</p> <p>Following the Lechnir agenda item below, Mr. Niedfeldt rejoined the meeting and stated that he would like to compromise and request a variance to cover the construction of a 3,200 square foot shed.</p> <p><b>Mmsp: (Mike / Joan)</b> I recommend approval of a compromised variance that would cover the construction of a shed up to 3,200 square feet with the stipulation that no buying or selling of salvage items take place.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mr. Niedfeldt will need to be placed onto the March Town Board Meeting. He will also need to work with La Crosse County for final approval.</p>
<p>Steve Lechnir Special Exemption permit</p>	<p><b>Steve Lechnir</b> –Parcel 5-836-5 (W4593 County Road T) After the fact request for work being done on Fleming Creek</p> <p>Following meetings and discussions with both Kurt Pederson of the Department of Land Conservation and Zoning and Dale Hewitt of La Crosse County, Mr. Lechnir learned that he needed to have an approval permit for the improvements he made filling and grading the shore land area of his property located near Fleming Creek.</p> <p>Current and future changes were said to be in alignment with the DNR suggestions and therefore the committee agreed that his request for a special exemption permit should be approved.</p> <p><b>Mmsp (Mike / Joan)</b> I recommend that an after-the-fact special exemption permit be granted to allow for filling and grading of the shore land area near Fleming Creek as approved by Kurt Pederson of the Department of Land Conservation and Zoning.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mr. Lechnir will need to be placed onto the March Town Board Meeting. He will also need to work with La Crosse County for final approval.</p>

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Public Input	No public input.
Meeting Adjourned	Mmsp: (Mike/Joan): A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.