

TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 16, 2018
PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBAGGIA

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

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Mike Raabe | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dan Heidel

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Mike Raabe at 7:30PM PM in the Farmington Town Hall
Pete Van Lar Hoven Request for Reconsideration	<p>Pete Van Lar Hoven along with Gary Butterfield, both neighbors of Mike Hanson, were in attendance to request the Plan Commission to reconsider the original recommendation made in September 2018 to allow Mike Hanson the ability to build a 50'x80' steer shed onto his 24.99 acre property (N9254 County Road V Parcel: 5-1433-1) that is currently zoned Exclusive Ag. According to Van Lar Hoven and Butterfield, they do not believe that the Plan Commission, Town Board or County Board took proper consideration when approving Mr. Hanson's request for construction.</p> <p>The committee originally recommended approval after reviewing both the Chapter 17 County Zoning Code document as well as the Farmington Comprehensive plan. The request to build seemed to be in accordance with the county zoning code regulations listed under Zoning Code 17.04 (5)(e) as well as the goals set forth by the FCP.</p> <p>According to Mr. Van Lar Hoven, following the committee's recommendation, a written recommendation from the Town of Farmington Town Board was sent to the Board of Adjustment for La Crosse County. This recommendation unfairly played into the approval that was ultimately granted by the County committee. The two neighbors did not feel their arguments against the decision were rightfully considered. According to Mr. Van Lar Hoven, his legal counsel encouraged him to seek a Request for Reconsider, which is, according to Van Lar Hoven, a little known loophole that brings the decision back to the township in cases where a provisional grant is in use.</p> <p>The two men shared concerns in regard to the proposed placement of the building believing that the animals housed within would cause damage to the creek that runs through the property. They believe that the animals would likely be allowed to</p>

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	<p>pasture near the creek therefore polluting the waterway with manure and causing physical destruction of the banks nearby. They do not believe that Mr. Hanson owns enough land to sustain the number of cattle he is planning and would like for the original request to be reconsidered.</p> <p>After much discussion, the committee currently stands with the original recommendation as they believe that the concerns at hand fall outside the scope of the Plan Commission and reside more with land conservation regulations at the county level. That said, without having any prior knowledge of what a request to reconsider all entails, the group agreed to table the request until further research could be done in regard to this unique request.</p> <p>Mmsp: Sbraggia / Heidel: Motion to table the request to reconsider until the February 20, 2018 Plan Commission meeting to allow the committee time to explore the request.</p>
Minute Review	<p>Mmsp: Raabe/Heidel: A Motion was made to approve the November 21, 2017 meeting minutes as is.</p> <p>.</p>
Adjourn	<p>Mmsp (Raabe / Heidel) Motion to adjourn was made at 8:50pm</p>