# **TOWN OF FARMINGTON**

## **PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING
December 18, 2018
PREPARED BY: CRYSTAL SBRAGGIA

#### MINDORO, WISCONSIN 54644 I WWW.CO.LA-CROSSE.WI.US/TOWNOFFARMINGTON

ATTENDEES:

CHAIRMAN: Dan Heidel I COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Michael White, Mike Raabe, Paul Lash

CATEGORY	TASK / DECISION
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Dan Heidel at 7:30pm
Public Input	Todd Ruhbusch, RJ Bringe and Robert Nindorf were in attendance for introductions and discussion regarding the process of rezoning the parcel of land in which the school currently resides. Mr. Bringe outlined potential mixed use plans for the property and expressed their wish to gain public support for their ideas. Zoning criteria and current situations regarding plan amendment procedures were discussed. The committee recommended that the three bring their questions regarding parking lot usage to the next town board meeting and confirm with County Zoning the most appropriate zoning option to suit their plans before requesting a plan amendment.
CHRIS HENSHUE (BUG TUSSEL) Internet Broadband Tower Site request.	Mr.Henshue was not in attendance but had provided details regarding the 300' tower slated for Burr Oak (5-474-0). The committee reviewed the location site map and discussed public concerns that were received by committee members. It was noted that at least a couple residents in the immediate residentially zoned area in which the tower is proposed to be built raised concerns of its placement. They expressed concern over both the aesthetics of the tower, as well as, the potentially harmful side effects of having a tower so close their homes.  These concerns, coupled with the fact that this parcel is located within an area slated for future residential development led.
	within an area slated for future residential development led committee members to agree that other site locations would be more suitable for tower construction.  Mmsp: Raabe / Lash: Motion to recommend denial of the proposed cell tower site upon land parcel 5-474-0. This recommendation is based on concerns received by residents and the fact that the
	proposed tower site is located on and surrounded by land that is slated for current and future residential development. It is

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	recommended that Bug Tussel identify appropriate tower placement further away from residential areas.
Plan Amendment Process	The committee determined that further information is still needed from La Crosse County Zoning and/or Township Counsel before being able to adopt a plan amendment procedure.  Mmsp: White / Raabe: A motion was made to table the agenda item until further information can be gathered from La Crosse County Zoning or the township representing attorney.
Meeting Minute Review	Mmsp: White / Raabe: motion to approve the meeting minutes for November 20, 2018.
Adjourn Meeting	Mmsp: White/Lash: motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.