

# TOWN OF FARMINGTON PLAN COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022  
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL

Attendees: Paul Lash, Mike Raabe, Mitch Fenske and Dr. Michael White  
Minutes Prepared by: Crystal Sbraggia

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mike Raabe, acting chair, called the regular Plan Commission Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

## **Steven M. Low and Jody F. Low | N8691 Hippler Hill Road**

Mr. and Mrs. Low were in attendance to illustrate their proposal to turn an existing house located at N8691 Hippler Hill Road into a short-term rental property. They explained that they recently purchased and remodeled the the residential structure located on land parcel 5-206-0. Now they wish to begin renting the structure for short-term stays through various companies, for example VRBO (Vacation Rental by Owner) or Airbnb. Dale Hewitt at La Crosse County Zoning suggested they pursue a CUP to allow for such usage on the parcel that is currently zoned exclusive ag.

The Lows added that the parcel in which they live is adjacent to the proposed rental property, therefore, have assured the commission that they would be nearby to monitor the activity of guests and will proactively implement quiet times into the rental agreements. Based on similar rental properties, they are expecting the house to be occupied approximately 25% of the time.

Raabe pointed out that the Low's plan closely matches Goal C found in the Economic Development Element Goal Section of the Town of Farmington 2009-2030 Comprehensive Plan that encourages the town to "Promote rural and small town business".

**Mmsp: RAABE / FENSKE:** Motion to recommend a CUP be granted to the Lows to allow them to utilize the existing house on land parcel 5-206-0 as a short-term rental property as proposed. **Passed 4/0/0**

The Town Board will consider the recommendation at the regular June 2022 Meeting scheduled for June 7 at 7:00pm.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

An update was received from Bob Gollnik from the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission before the meeting noting that final touches were still being worked on.

**Mmsp: LASH / WHITE** Motion to approve the minutes for March 1, 8 and 15, 2022.  
**PASSED 4/0/0**

**Mmsp: LASH / FENSKE** Motion to adjourn at 7:41pm. **4/0/0 Passed**