



Greater Bemidji Area Joint Planning Board

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Bemidji Township

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What's going on?

Planning Cases for March / April

City of Bemidji – Z-16-80.06159.00: Wes' Plumbing & Heating, Inc. is requesting a rezone of their parcel to B1 Low Density Commercial in order to bring their property's zoning classification into compliance with the GBAJPB Zoning Ordinance. The parcel is located at 3403 Bemidji Ave N in the R3 Suburban Residential District of the City of Bemidji. The parcel is legally described as the following: Sect-33 Twp-147 Range-033 S 130' OF THAT PART OF LOT 3 W OF HWY 71 & E OF A LINE DRAWN AT RA TO S LINE OF LOT 3



Candlewood Suites

Development Projects

- Gold Pine Residential / Daycare
- South Shore - Apartments/Condos
- Whiting Road Suidivision
- Airport Hangars/Snow storage building
- Cottage Park Apartments
- Beltrami County Transfer Station
- Rako Street Multi Family
- Cedar Pointe Multi Family
- Center City Housing Multi Family
- University Heights
- Candlewood Hotel
- School Craft new location



Planning Report

Legal

Bemidji Township – responses have been filed. In addition, Bemidji Township was notified of the fee schedule changes and public hearing. Staff asked if they would provide comments or attend the meeting if they had concerns.

Nameless Coalition Wolfe Center – This case reached a favorable outcome with Judge Benschhoff dismissing the case. We are waiting to see if there will be an appeal.

Red Barn – We provided all of the data as requested. No new information to provide.

Comprehensive Plan

We are working with Houston Engineering to finalize a calendar and set meeting dates. Staff has started working on the document.

Student Project

We have been approached by BSU to see what projects we'd like to see a student working on in the Geography / GIS Department. Staff has provided a wide variety of projects for suggestion. Student projects are always a great way to get needed data.

Grant Application

Had a great meeting with Nate Dorr at the NWF regarding the grant we've applied for. We hope to hear back in the next couple months.

Taxes / W2

Staff has been provided with the paperwork needed for completion of their 2015 taxes

SSTS

Staff attended the annual MPCA regional meeting for the area. At this meeting information is shared, problems are discussed and questions are taken back to MPCA by the representatives. One of the key items on the addenda was the potential addition of "online" septic training. This would be a great addition for those communities, like ours, which are located in rural Minnesota.

Airport Zoning Administration

Bemidji Airport Needs Meeting was held at the Bemidji Airport Terminal - January 20, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Staff attended to speak about the zoning administration. Maps were provided to Karen Weller at this meeting.

Technology

Purchased 2 Ipad for working in the field. They will be used for site analysis and picture taking for planning cases.



The new GIS website was launched this month. We are learning the new system. It will be a great addition to our process.

Site Analyst Report

Staff spent most of the last month working on JPB records virtualized.

The first enforcement issue of the month came from up on Lavinia where staff found an addition being built on a home on the lake.

A stop work order was verbally issued and are still waiting for the resident to come in for a variance or remove the addition.



Staff also had to deal with a couple of lighting issues one being a complaint that came in from a neighbor of an apartment complex that replaced outdoor lights with brighter wall packs that are prohibited by our code. We are working with this owner to place shields on these new lights to direct lights down and not off their property.

Josh and Dustin conducted the nighttime sign inspections for the dynamic signs. During our nighttime sign inspection we noticed a new business that placed wall packs on their new building, we will be looking to get shields on their lights too.

Speaking of the night time sign inspection, it went smoothly, unfortunately finding 90 percent of the dynamic signs are not conforming to the code. A letter has gone out to those sign owners to try and rectify this issue.

And yes still working on parking issues. Staff had to send Officer Charboneau to one place that we have been sending letters to since I started where they were now parking on the side walk.

We will be working with these landowners in the spring for additional parking spaces.

One other place that we have been dealing with, received their 3rd notice and staff had a good conversation with the owner about fixing this issue because his tenants were driving on the side walk to parking in the grass.

Several other letters were sent out for first time parking violations.

