

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

## TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

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### MINUTES SPECIAL ST. GERMAIN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2010

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting of the P & Z Committee. The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman, John Vojta, called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. **Roll Call -Members Present:** John Vojta, Todd Wiese, Tim Gebhardt, Mary Platner, Marion Janssen, Tim Ebert, Zoning Administrator, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Tom Christensen and Judy Best were also in attendance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion Janssen seconded Platner that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved..
4. **Miscellaneous Agenda Items – Discussion/Action:**
  - 4A. **Review/Discuss Sign Ordinance with Sing Committee Chairman:** The committee decided that rather than voting on any changes to the sign ordinance, decisions would be made by a consensus of the committee. Following are some of the suggested changes:
    1. Real Estate signs would not be considered off-premise signs. Open house signs would be allowed to remain for a 24-hour period. Each parcel for sale could have two road-facing signs as long as they are 200' apart. Real estate signs will not be allowed off-premise.
    2. The word “authorized” will be removed from the definition of governmental signs and replaced with the word “owned”. Non-regulatory governmental signs would be removed from line 106 and moved to section D requiring a permit, but no fee.
    3. In line 115, the property owner will remove temporary construction signs.
    4. “Political Signs” needs a definition. Political signs up to 32 sq. ft. will be allowed on roadways with speed limits of 40 mph or more. Political signs up to 12 sq. ft. will be allowed on roadways with speed limits of less than 40 mph. The committee felt that the freedom of speech issue would need to be checked by an attorney.
    5. Each of the two posts in the Special Event St. Germain Community Area would hold two banners. Seasonal Community Event Signs (C7) will not be allowed in the St. Germain Community Area (C4) without zoning administrator approval.
    6. Flags (C6) will be removed from the ordinance.
    7. Section D(1a) will run to the town line between St. Germain and Sayner.
    8. If a sign does not have a message for two years, it would have to be removed.
    9. Measurements will be made from existing signs. On Hwy 70, D.O.T. restrictions will apply.
    10. The words “if they comply with the ordinance” will be removed from line 261.
    11. Recreation trail signs will be added to the list of non-permitted signs.
    12. The square footage for a billboard will remain at 160 sq. ft.
    13. The committee will check with the town attorney to see if signs can be restricted along town roads on private property. There are no restrictions at this time.
    14. The zoning administrator will issue permits in line 255.
    15. Billboard lights will point down (line 102).

Motion Gebhardt seconded Janssen that Mr. Christensen makes the necessary changes so that the sign ordinance can be taken to the town attorney for review prior to presenting it to the town board. Approved. Mr. Christensen will also email copies of the amended ordinance to the committee members.

5. **Public Comments:** There were none.
6. **Committee Concerns:** Ms. Janssen agreed that the D.O.T. requirements should be followed on Hwy. 70. She also felt that a late of \$20 should be charged if permit applications are not filed on time..
7. **Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The next regular monthly Planning & Zoning Committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 4:05 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

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- 8. Adjournment:** Motion Wiese seconded Janssen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.  
Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Member

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