The Town Plan Commission and Reviewing Rezone Requests

Prior to the Meeting:

**NOTE:** The owner/agent should contact the Oconto County Planning and Zoning Office prior to contacting the Town to be placed on the Plan Commission agenda.

- Consider establishing a deadline for plan commission agenda items.
  - Determine time needed to distribute materials to the plan commissioners and allow time for adequate review prior to meeting.

- Consider requiring certain materials be submitted to the Plan Commission by the agenda deadline.
  - Consider the types of materials that will assist each of the plan commissioners review the request. (ex. General Location Map, Zoning Map, and/or if applicable copies of a preliminary Certified Survey Map)

**NOTE:** Parcel and Zoning maps can be obtained online at [http://solo.co.oconto.wi.us/ocontoco/](http://solo.co.oconto.wi.us/ocontoco/) or at either of the Oconto County Planning & Zoning Offices.

  - Require a copy of the **Oconto County Rezone Town Recommendation Form** with all applicable information completed by the owner/agent. In addition to owner/agent and parcel information, the form requires the applicant to answer the following questions:
    - What will be the proposed use(s) of the parcel if the rezone is approved?
    - What is the need for the proposed use(s)?
    - What is the relationship of the proposed use(s) to the existing use(s) adjacent to the parcel?
    - What is the suitability of the proposed use(s) to the existing use(s) adjacent to the parcel?

- Consider establishing a protocol for plan commissioners to review the rezone request prior to the plan commission meeting.
  - Review the “**Oconto County Rezone Town Recommendation Form**” questions to be completed by the Town. These questions are:
    - Are there adequate public facilities to serve the proposed land uses?
    - Are the burdens on the local government for providing services for this proposal reasonable?
    - Does the proposal agree with the Town Vision statement as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan?
    - Does the proposal agree with the Town Goals, Objectives, and Development Strategies as found in the Town Comprehensive Plan?

  - Does the proposal raise concerns that may need to be addressed in the future with plan revisions, and/or ordinance creation/revision?

For the Meeting:

- The Plan Commission should discuss the findings, questions and recommendations of each of the plan commissioners at Plan Commission meeting.

- The Plan Commission should establish an approval or disapproval recommendation for the Town Board.
  - The Plan Commission recommendation to the Town Board should be accompanied by specifics from the Town Comprehensive Plan supporting the recommendation.

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Zoning Permit Decision

Refer to the Oconto County Zoning Ordinance for specifics on permits and rezones. Note that it is the responsibility of the landowner or designated agent to take the application for rezone through the review process.

1. Permit Application
   - Use allowed in Zoning District
     - Meets Permitted Use Criteria
       - Meets Lot Size Requirements
         - Permit Issued
           - Appeal CC or BOA
         - NO
           - Permit Denied
             - Appeal CC, BOA
           - variance denied
             - Appeal CC
   - Rezoned to District that Allows Use
     - Meets Rezoning Requirements
       - Local Veto Authority
         - YES
           - Permit Issued
           - Appeal CC or BOA
         - NO
           - Permit Denied
             - Appeal CC, BOA
           - variance denied
             - Appeal CC
   - NO
     - Local Recommendation
       - YES
         - Permit Issued
         - Appeal CC or BOA
       - NO
         - Permit Denied
           - Appeal CC, BOA
           - variance denied
             - Appeal CC

ZA = Zoning Administrator
PZ = Planning & Zoning Committee
BOA = Board of Adjustment
GB = Governing Body (Township)
CC = Circuit Court
* BOA does not review its own

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