

**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR PLAN COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
7:00 P.M.
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER**

Call to order: The regular meeting of the Gibraltar Plan Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Linda Merline, chairman.

Members present: Linda Merline, Brian Hackbarth, Britt Unkefer and Tom Blackwood
Members absent: Andy Coulson

Approve minutes of last meeting: *It was moved by Hackbarth and seconded by Blackwood to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

Public Comment: None

Farmland Preservation Report: Karl Stubenvoll reviewed the highlights of the presentation on the changes to Farmland Preservation put on by the Door County Planning Department. An increase on conversion from agriculture to non-agricultural use is being seen statewide. The Door County Farmland Preservation Plan includes a "Working Land Initiative" which uses Exclusive Agricultural (EA) zoning (Clay Banks only), Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA) and the purchase of conservation easements to update the current plan. Use of individual contracts with DATCP will be discontinued. The new statutory definition of "Agricultural Use" is:

- Crop or forage production (includes orchards)
- Keeping livestock
- Beekeeping
- Nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production; forest management
- Floriculture, aquaculture
- Fur farming
- Enrollment in federal agricultural commodity payment program or federal or state agricultural land conservation payment program.

Door County's new plan has a statutory deadline of December 31, 2012. Additional meetings will be held by the County to keep municipalities and the public participating in the plan creation. Merline thanked Stubenvoll for attending the meeting and bringing this important plan in process to the Commission for further participation.

Committee Reports:

Updates on Parks & Lands and Bike Path: Hackbarth stated the Invasive Species Team is getting ready for the season.

Surface & Groundwater Protection: Nothing to report.

Sustainable Gibraltar: Nothing to report.

Public Parking: Nothing to report.

Attainable Housing: Unkefer is setting up conversations with developers on the subject.

Maps: Nothing to report.

Public Power Utility: Hackbarth reported it is pending town board direction and scheduling.

Set the Next Meeting Date: The next scheduled regular meeting is March 22, 2011.

Adjourn: *It was moved by Blackwood and seconded by Hackbarth to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Hagen
Clerk