

Town of Rock- Town of Rock Ad Hoc committee public meeting

Monday, September 10th- 7:00pm, Town Hall

The meeting was **Called to Order** at 7:04 by Jim Schmidt.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was recited.

Town Board Members present; None. **Planning Commission Members present:** Harry Wallis, Jeff Meinders, **Coulee Frac Sand Representatives present:** None, **Ad Hoc Frac Sand Mining Impact Assessment Committee (FSMIAC) present;** Jim Schmidt, Kay Varsho, Jeff Ott, David Venske, Lizz Drexler. **Focus on Marshfield** was at the meeting but started the video shortly after the meeting started.

Members of the Public Present: Significant numbers of public in attendance and a list was passed around and is on file in the clerk's office.

Minutes were read from FSMIAC meeting on Wednesday, September 5th. Recommended changes included; Dave Venske made the motion for Jim Schmidt as Chair vs. Liz Drexler and a need to add the motions to cast unanimous ballots for the Secretary and Chair positions was identified. Motion was made by Kay Varsho and seconded by Dave Venske to approve the meeting minutes read and updated.

Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

Corrections were made to the PowerPoint presentation from public meeting on September 5th, which were recommended by public and committee members. Discussion of how to get the PowerPoint on to the home page of the Town of Rock's website as well as to the Marshfield On Focus website and Facebook page. The name of the lawyer that Chairman Winistorfer is potentially interested in retaining was identified as Larry Konopacki from Stafford Rosenbaum, LLC out of Madison WI.

New Business

Committee members shared their research thus far on recommendation for the Town of Rock Zoning Commission. Lizz Drexler is responsible for categories of ground water (quality and quantity), economic impact (private property value and township costs) and quality of life issues. Kay Varsho shared research on air quality, public health and safety and hours of operation, and explained a map she made of the Town of Rock that shows where committee members, board members and members of the public that have attended the public meetings live. Dave Venske addressed concerns of monetary compensation received by the Town of Rock, as well as truck traffic (route and noise) and lighting. Jeff Ott shared recommendations concerning hours of operation, screening (visual and sound) and preservation of natural beauty and wildlife. Committee chair Jim Schmidt informed those in attendance that we are only a week away to complete final recommendations to give to the Zoning Commission. He will continue to acquire data both from committee members and his own research to support recommendations. He will look into frac sand solvency and assist others with their assigned areas.

Public Comments

Some expressed concern there was a lack of Town of Rock board members in attendance at the Ad Hoc committee meetings. Several citizens were concerned that this proposal was being too rushed and there was not sufficient time to thoroughly assess all of the information needed to make an informed decision. More discussion about the importance of a lawyer. One member of the public said that she didn't believe there was enough data to support the proposal of reclamation, and that very few frac sand mines have been reclaimed as promised by mining companies. Another person indicated the reason some citizens of the Town of Rock do not speak out against the mine is that they are friends with those who have sold their land to Coulee Frac Sand, LLC and don't want to compromise those friendships. Others asked what is to stop Coulee Frac Sand, LLC from buying up additional land surrounding what they already have or moving on to other sites around the Town of Rock. There was talk to bring back an idea to have the Town of Rock send out a survey asking what residents want to see related to this industry moving forward. A similar survey was done about 25 years ago and many in attendance thought it would be beneficial. There was talk of starting a citizen science group to monitor air and water quality if the mine is approved, and that a baseline of testing should take place if the need of such a group arises.

Adjournment: Dave Venski moved to adjourn the meeting: Kay Varsho seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lizz Drexler, FSMIAC Secretary