

OTTAWA PLAN COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025

Chairman Rupp called the regular meeting of the Town of Ottawa Plan Commission to order. Roll call attendance was taken; Commissioner Hausser, Commissioner Wiedenbauer, Commissioner Kershek, and Commissioner Mundschau were present.

First on the agenda was public comment. Mike Sterk W394 S53521 CTH Z, Dousman, spoke on behalf of the hobby kennel request of Bonnie Schuenke. He lives next door and is in support of the hobby kennel request, saying the dogs aren't outside often-only to potty, they are fenced in, and there is a privacy fence.

Sandra Murphy, W394 S3495 CTH Z, Dousman, said she is not in favor of the hobby kennel request, as she has been woken up at 6:30 in the morning and hears the dogs barking at 10:00 at night. The dogs bark continuously and she cannot enjoy the outdoors and they are a nuisance.

Frank Murphy, W394 S3495 CTH Z, Dousman, also is not in favor of the hobby kennel request. He stated he dropped off a letter at the Town Hall stating they are not indoor dogs; they rotate 6-8 dogs in the yard. The dogs continually bark. He requested the reports from the Sheriff but couldn't get them in time for the meeting. He requests they only be allowed two dogs.

Bonnie Schuenke, W394 S3511 CTH Z, Dousman, stated the dogs are indoor dogs. She works full time and so the dogs are in the house all day long. There are many other dogs in the neighborhood that also bark. They have not had any complaints from the Town since their original Hobby Kennel Permit was issued in 2019. She feels harassed when the police are called. They are licensed for more dogs than they have now. Their yard is fenced with a 10 foot tall privacy fence and they have taken steps to curb the barking. They are requesting four dogs.

Mark Schuenke, W394 S3511 CTH Z, Dousman, stated he put up a privacy fence and screened around the enclosure as a barrier to help limit noise. They don't get up until 7:00 am so their dogs can't be barking at 6:30 am. They let their dogs out to potty and bring them back in the house. Their dogs will bark when the Murphys shoot off fireworks and guns.

John Hudson, a friend of the Murphys who lives in Fort Atkinson, said the dogs are loud and noisy and that they have more than four dogs.

Due to no further comments, Chairman Rupp closed the public comment.

Next on the agenda was Badger Kart Club, W377 S1851 Gramling Lane, Dousman, presenting their 2024 Annual Report and consideration of the 2025 Racing Schedule and special race weekends.

George Sieracki was present representing Badger Kart Club.

Planner Slotty reviewed the memorandum. The request for the 2025 special race weekends appears to be in accordance with the approved Conditional Use and Permit and it is recommended the Plan Commission approve of the same. No complaints have been received.

Mr. Sieracki gave the 2024 annual report. They are looking at two upcoming improvements, the track tower may need replacing and the practice track is breaking up and they are looking to fix that. They also use that area for parking. They may be using electric cars in the future which would cut down on the noise aspect.

Commissioner Kershek asked about the composition of the practice track. Mr. Sieracki indicated it was layers of stone topped with asphalt and it is repaved every four to five years.

Commissioner Mundschau made a motion to approve the 2025 Badger Kart Club racing schedule including the special race weekends. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hausser and carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the request by Payne & Dolan, W340 S1523 CTH C, Dousman, for a Site Plan/Plan of Operation to allow for the construction of an additional accessory building.

Bryanna Bucholtz was present representing Payne & Dolan.

Planner Scherer read her report into the record.

Commissioner Kershek asked how many accessory buildings currently exist on the property. Planner Scherer said they have a few as shown on the Site Plan. Quarry zoning is not subject to the number of accessory buildings in the zoning code if that is the concern. They can have multiple accessory buildings on the property.

Commissioner Kershek asked how much time Payne & Dolan operates on the site opposed to Lannon Stone.

Bryanna Bucholtz representing Payne & Dolan, stated both they and Lannon Stone operate from this site. At this time, most of the daily operations are by Lannon Stone, including the use of the proposed accessory building.

Paul Giles representing Lannon Stone, 632 Crestwood Dr., Waukesha, answered questions about the use of the accessory building. It will be used for storing washing accessories – valves, screen media, etc. – that are used in their crushing and washing operation. No actual quarrying work will be done in the building. It is for storage only.

Commissioner Mundschau made a motion to approve the additional accessory building on the property. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wiedenbauer and carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was the request by Kevin and Monica Buyatt, S46 W35864 Meadows Drive, Dousman, to review a Conceptual Survey Map and necessary waivers.

Kevin and Monica Buyatt were present.

Planner Scherer read her report into the record.

Mr. Buyatt asked about the setback from the building to the edge of the environmental corridor and wetland. Planner Scherer stated that the survey needs to indicate that the environmental corridor and wetland is based on the field determination that was done and not on the GIS, and needs to be stated so on the CSM.

Commissioner Kershek moved to waive item #14 in the Planners Report and to reserve #21 until the Town Engineer reviews and comments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mundschau and carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was a request by Bonnie Schuenke, W394 S3551 CTH Z, Dousman, for a Hobby Kennel Permit. Commissioner Mundschau recused himself.

Mark and Bonnie Schuenke were present.

Planner Slotty reviewed the specifics of the request.

Commissioner Kershek asked if there were times when there are visiting dogs on the property. The Schuenke's indicated that there are times when family will bring their dogs when they are visiting.

The current hobby permit allows five dogs, but the current request is for four. The new request has been made because two dogs passed and two new dogs were obtained in 2024. The Plan Commission stated the owners are put on notice that if a disruption involving a violation of the Noise Ordinance would need to be resolved, the Sheriff's Department would determine the course of action.

Commissioner Kershek made a motion to approve the Hobby Kennel Permit for the four dogs listed with the standard hobby kennel conditions. It was seconded by Commissioner Hausser and carried unanimously (Commissioner Mundschau recused himself).

Commissioner Mundschau returned to the table.

The zoning violation list was reviewed.

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Hausser made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2024 Plan Commission meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wiedenbauer and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kershek made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hausser and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Barnhart

Deputy Clerk, Town of Ottawa

(This is a draft version of the minutes, pending Plan Commission approval)