

TOWN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023
7:00 PM, CRESCENT TOWN HALL

Call to Order: Chairman Pazdernik called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting has been properly posted and distributed in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting law and the facility is handicap accessible.

Committee members present: Michael Pazdernik, Chair; David Holperin, Secretary; Connie Anderson, Niina Baum, Jonathan Jacobson, Lindsay Novak (late arrival). Others attending were Ryan Peterson representing Epstein Global Inc. of Chicago.

Absent: Jim Altenburg.

Approval of the agenda: Motion by Jacobson to move the last item, Town of Crescent TAP Grant application, above the Town of Crescent Land Use Plan on the agenda; second by Baum. Aye: all. Nay: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting by Holperin, second by Baum. Aye: all. Nay: none.

Discussion/Decision: Town of Crescent TAP Grant Application.
(TAP is an acronym for "Transportation Alternatives Program")

Ryan Peterson was in attendance to provide information about the TAP Grant that was previously applied for by former Town of Crescent (TofC) Supervisor Joel Knutson. TofC has subsequently been awarded this TAP Grant in the amount of \$64,000, for the purpose of planning for alternative transportation routes throughout the township. There are some conditions with the grant, the primary one being the time frame in which the planning must be completed and

submitted for final approval. The work of planning must be done within four years of the date of the award of the grant. Further, the township must come up with a match of at least 20% of the grant on its own in order to qualify for it (\$12,800).

This grant is to create a plan that would ultimately precede a C.I.P (Capital Improvement Project). These funds are designated for identifying locations and for determining the best way to build out more transportation routes that can provide transportation connectivity, and part of that process may include the hiring of consultants and other professionals that can assist. There are bike routes and silent sport paths throughout the state but they are not necessarily linked together (yet) through every county. We have an opportunity to add value by making some existing trails even more usable and can assist in creating more passages into and out of the township. This can result in making our township a more desirable location, add to the overall economy, and create a positive outlet for those seeking more alternatives for health and exercise. Ultimately this new plan could also help with our longer-term objectives of building out more trails, paths, and potential roadways for future non-motorized use as well as developing added (or widened) lanes to new road construction projects as they occur (and that fit into the C.I.P. plan).

Going forward, we will need a committee (perhaps our committee) to meet with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIS DOT), neighboring townships, and other future potential partners in our endeavor to create these future transportation C.I.P.'s.

The next step is a "Request for Qualification" (RFQ) proposal. Ryan Peterson offered that his company, Epstein Global Inc., might do some pro bono work for us but first there would need to be a township board resolution.

Niina Baum made a motion, "Our Planning Commission recommends to our Town Board that they authorize a resolution to work with Epstein Global Inc."

Ayes: All; Nays: None.

[Motion carries; Pazdernik to pass this on to the full Town Board at their next meeting.]

Discussion/Decision: TofC Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Pazdernik led the next discussion as we reviewed the latest version of the “Town of Crescent Comprehensive Plan Survey” that was recently compiled and submitted to us for review by the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC). We simply went through each and every question in the survey to consider whether to add, delete, or modify the material as supplied to us from NCWRPC.

The results of our review are as follows:

1. “How would you rate the overall quality of life (*add the word “offered” here*) in the Town of Crescent?”
2. “What are the top three (3) reasons....
Under the available choices, change “Rural Atmosphere” to “Northwoods Atmosphere”, and add an additional choice, “Own a larger parcel of land”
3. How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the following (*add in the word “infrastructure”*) services or facilities in Crescent?
 - a. Change “Sheriff” to *“Law Enforcement”*
 - b. Combine “Fire Protection” and “Ambulance Service” into one, reading *“Emergency Services”*
 - c. *Delete “Garbage Collection/Recycling” ... we don’t offer that*
 - d. *Delete “Utility Services (Water, Sewer)” we don’t offer that*
 - e. Public School (*add the word “District”*)
 - f. Leave “Road Maintenance” as is
 - g. Leave “Snow Removal” as is
 - h. *Add in “Signage” here*
 - i. Add more to this one so it reads, “Park and Recreation Facilities” *followed by four choices, a. Playgrounds, b. Motorized Trails, c. Non-motorized trails, and d. Boat landings*
4.and then at the bottom of this same page, where the survey continues to pursue “Very Satisfied”, “Satisfied”, et. al., change the choices below to read,

- . *Shopping*
- . *Housing:*
 1. *Affordability*
 2. *Quality*
 3. *Availability*
- . *Jobs*
- . *(eliminate "Opportunities"*
- . *(eliminate "Signage"; we moved it up above in #3)*
- . *Internet Access*

5. "The list below represents planning issues....."
About two-thirds of the way down the list of items that follows, remove the item that reads, "Expanding Recreational Opportunities" and replace that with "Childcare Services"
6. "What is your preferred....."
(eliminate the "Facebook and Twitter" phrase that follows the words, "Social Media")
7. *(Somewhere in the question we would like you to add the phrase, "Check All Boxes That Apply"), providing there will be boxes to check. If not, then provide instructions to circle all that apply).*
8. *We would like to change this question to read, "Would you support funding the development of the types of facilities from Question 7", followed by "yes" or "no"*
9. Leave unchanged
10. Change the sentence to read, *"Rank the following transportation investments that are most important to you over the next 5 years? (Choose 3, by order of importance with "1" as most important):*
 - Maintain existing roadways*
 - Improve existing roadways (enhance safety/widening roads)*
 - Develop new roadways*
 - (delete "Improve existing sidewalks,/bike paths")*
 - Develop non-motorized trails*
 - Develop/add on-street non-motorized trails*
 - Improve and develop new motorized trails*

11. *(change to read: “Which of the following would you support the development of within the Town of Crescent? (Check all that apply): (and then add one more option here, “Childcare facilities”)*
12. Leave unchanged
13. *“Oneida County is exploring regulations for Tourist Room Housing (TRH) rentals (add the “s”), and then add (Examples: AirBnB, VRBO, Vacasa, etc.). Then, in the high-lighted question that follows, change it to read: “Should the Town of Crescent have more restrictive regulation of these TRH uses than those of the county?”*
14. *Change the high-lighted question to read, “Should the Town of Crescent have more restrictive regulations than the county on the use of these units?”*
15. *Delete this question*
16. Leave unchanged
17. Leave unchanged
18. Leave unchanged

One last question was why some of the question numbers had an asterisk in front of them while others did not?

We agreed to submit these changes to NCWRPC as soon as is practical.

The May meeting will be scheduled for May 17th.

Adjournment: Motion by Baum, second by Novak. Ayes, all; Nays, none.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.