

**TOWN OF CRESCENT  
MINUTES FOR  
TOWN PLAN COMMISSION MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025  
7:00P.M., CRESCENT TOWN HALL**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Pazdernik called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 handicapped accessible.

**Committee members present:** Michael Pazdernik, Chair, David Holperin, Secretary, Jim Altenburg, Connie Anderson, Niina Baum. Media present: Beckie Gaskill, Lakeland Times.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Motion to approve the Agenda by Holperin, second by Baum. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of June 4, 2025, meeting by Holperin, second by Baum. Aye: all. Nay: none. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Discussion:**

***1. Review our long-term mission as a plan committee***

Holperin passed a copy of page 3 from the August 2024 meeting minutes that recorded the results of a preference poll of the members as to what they viewed as the top priority items from the recently adopted 2024–2034 Comprehensive Plan. Holperin indicated that we have been spending a lot of our time working on the top item, housing development beyond single-family and planning for population growth. He called attention to the many other items in the poll and indicated that it might be beneficial to start on some of the other goals and objectives so that we can spread our designated meeting time to get more done. To that end he included a discussion of “Parks and Rec” for tonight’s meeting.

## ***2. Discuss Parks and Rec – Identifying existing recreation sites***

Holperin led the discussion with the premise that we have an objective in Chapter 4 to identify recreation opportunities within the township and attempt to post those on the town website. Pazdernik gave some historical references on attempts to create a park area and mentioned that former Town Supervisor Kyla Wasmonska had worked on plans for recreation areas for several years. Discussion centered around current areas of recreation: the Heal Creek trails (Rhineland property), Townline Lake Park (half Crescent/half Newbold), boat landings, and hiking trails (i.e. Hanson Lake). Baum discussed the idea/challenges of adding it to the website, with potential obstacles being cost, design, maintenance, etc.

A request was made for Pazdernik to consider a proposal for the full Board to support such an effort, but due diligence must come first. Baum agreed to investigate and come back to the plan committee with more information. We believe that the company called By Request is involved in our website, and Tracy Hartmann should be consulted as well. Lastly, Holperin pointed out that our Plan makes references to certain archaic objects and historical points of interest that are in the township, but they are not mentioned by name or location. Perhaps we can include that on the same page map or interactive page site as the recreation opportunities within the town website.

## ***3. Chapters 3 & 7 of The Plan (cont'd)***

### ***a. Information from a meeting with officials in the Oneida County Zoning office***

Holperin had met with Karl Jenrich and Scott Ridderbush since our last meeting to gather more information on county and township zoning. It is a process, and so the discussion centered on what other townships in the county have done and why different townships have taken different approaches. Holperin provided a very large map of the county as an aid to show the differences across Oneida County. This was simply intended as an introduction to our diversity, but we should look forward

to having Jenrich or Ridderbush at a future Crescent Plan Committee meeting to go into more depth. Holperin indicated that he could seek ideas and questions ahead of such a meeting to put some structure into it.

*b. Information from an interview with the Town of Presque Isle.*

Holperin had a phone interview with AL Eschenbauch, Town Chair of Presque Isle since the last meeting. The goal was to learn more about their use of Ordinances. Presque Isle, in brief, has an extensive document of zoning governance that has nine chapters, 100–900, and each of those has many sub-chapters. Most of the focus of this discussion was on Chapter 900, “Comprehensive Shoreland District and Zoning Ordinance”. Most information came from a referral call to a Marshall Reckard, now 88, who re-wrote much of the language into the Town Plan in the late 90’s. Reckard provided a lot of random information, but the essence of their ordinances is that they are permissive in nature. Under many of the individual issues of the plan, there follows a “Permitted Use” list. As explained, if an action or a development or a request to build is not included under “permitted use”, the town board can accept or reject such requests at will. They have a constable for enforcement, and their Zoning Administrator can issue citations.

In discussion that followed, it was suggested that we each should look at the Presque Isle document online, but it is extensive and would not be easily replicated for our purposes. We agreed to table future discussion on ordinances until after we meet with Oneida Zoning representatives.

One attendee of our meeting requested a short time to speak. Nancy Holland submitted a short document to the members that was a reprint of a letter that former Town Chair Bill Treder had sent the town residents in the Fall of 2010. Pazdernik accepted the submission for the record.

**Discussion:** *Potential candidates for this committee*

Holperin asked the group if there were any new ideas of who to seek out to serve on the committee. It was noted that Pazdernik has sought to get representation from all four corners of the township as a preference. No new names surfaced, so we simply agreed to keep looking.

**Next meeting date:** We agreed to meet on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. As for the agenda, we would like to hear from Baum on the website issue and hopefully have the reps from Oneida Zoning present.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Motion by Holperin to adjourn. Second by Altenburg. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:49pm.