

**APPROVED MINUTES
PLAN COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday – September 27, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Jackson Village Hall
N168W20733 Main Street
Jackson, WI 53037**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Pres. Schwab called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Members present: Tr. Kruepke, Steve Schoen and Jon Weil.
Members excused: Keith Berben and Tr. Emmrich
Members absent: Peter Habel
Also present: Tr. Lippold
Staff present: John Walther and Jilline Dobratz.

2. Minutes – August 30, 2018, Plan Commission Meeting

Motion by Jon Weil, second by Tr. Kruepke to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2018 Plan Commission meeting.
Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

3. Chicken Ordinance – Continued Discussion and Action

Pres. Schwab stated this came back from the Village Board with direction to prepare an ordinance for submittal to the board. The ordinance should include; 25' from a property line and 40' from the neighboring residence, one accessory building on a lot, set a number of total chickens, maximum of five animals on the property, registered with the State, all hens, no roosters, no slaughter, no sale of eggs or birds, neighbors permission of every adjoining properties with review upon complaint.

John Walther inquired if this should be handled from a permit stand point to a Conditional Use or a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Amendment, depending on location of the home that wouldn't require annual permitting. This would be done with a Public Hearing, paying the fee for Conditional Use or for a PUD Amendment and the neighbors get letters that there may be chickens next to them. If the neighbors choose to comment, they can do so at a Public Hearing. It could be written in a way so that it stays with the owner. These are really considered livestock and an exception to the rule. Mandatory registration is with DATCP. They have to know if there are chickens in the event there is any kind of virus, they need to know where it came from.

Discussion continued with the size, 4 square feet in the coop, 16 square feet minimum with the fenced in area outside the coop, one roost per bird and the door has to be secure at night. John Walther asked who enforces this. Pres. Schwab stated maybe a Code Enforcement Officer should be looked at. Steve Schoen commented on the inspector having assistance. Currently, the Building Inspector is the Code Enforcement Officer. Tr. Kruepke spoke on starting with three chickens as a maximum, and then they could come back with a variance if looking for additional.

Motion by Pres. Schwab, second by John Weil to direct staff to assemble an ordinance based on the discussion, notes and City of Plymouth's ordinance as a model and present back to Plan Commission.

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Citizens to Address the Plan Commission

Lyle Alft – N167 W20899 South Street spoke on structure, an accessory building, coyote concern if they are already here, they are feeding on other animals, not a source of food. Inquired on neighbors permission, how chickens compare to what is already in place. Pres. Schwab replied dogs and cats are pretty common, this is an exception and out of the norm for the community. Chickens are considered livestock. A Planned Unit Development Amendment has an application process and the neighbors know when to show up for a meeting.

John Walther stated the applicant may live in a subdivision that prohibits accessory structures. The Village will not check on it, the home owner association will have to understand that. The applicant has to check with their home owners association to see if they allow accessory structures in the rear yard. Pres. Schwab would like to include in the ordinance exclusions of the convenience of various subdivisions.

Jack Lippold commented there are fox and coyotes around the Village and inquired on what vermin they chickens might attract. Pres. Schwab said the food needs to be kept in a metal container.

Steve Schoen encouraged Village Board members to walk Ridgeway Drive before any other checks are written. It is way behind schedule, it's not level, the storm sewer is cocked, sidewalks dip in the driveways, and curb and gutter are subpar. He has a rock fence around his yard, which now he has to tear out as half the rocks are buried with dirt. It's not acceptable. Asphalt work to the East, a section is like a washboard. A lot of money is spent on these projects.

5. Adjourn

Motion by Pres. Schwab, second by Tr. Kruepke to adjourn.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jilline Dobratz, *CMC/WCMC*
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Minutes noted with corrections by overstrikes for omission and underscores for additions. Approved on October 25, 2018.