

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

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Merrimac, WI 53561

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
August 15, 2018

Present were Richard Grant, Commission Chair; Commissioners, John Gaedke, Doug Hill, Tim Healy, Dan Purcell, Frank Olah. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator.

Chairman Grant called public hearing to order regarding a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure greater than 24' x 30' x 14' on a residential property in the Agricultural Conservation District per Town Ordinance 6.02 (1) (c) and on property located on tax parcel 026-0455-00000; application by Peter Loeber, S6833 Bluff Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. No one appeared. Motion to adjourn the hearing by Purcell, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.

Grant called the commission meeting to order; McCumber certified compliance with the open meetings law. The commission considered the minutes of the July 25, 2018 meeting, motion by Gaedke, second by Healy. Motion passed. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the commission discussed a Conditional Use Permit for an accessory structure greater than 24' x 30' x 14' on a residential property in the Agricultural Conservation District per Town Ordinance 6.02 (1) (c) and on property located on tax parcel 026-0455-00000; application by Peter Loeber, S6833 Bluff Rd., Merrimac, WI 53561. McCumber reported the requirements of the ordinance and the applicant's intent to reclaim some of the soils into an old quarry pit on the property. The farm building is almost in the center of the property and won't be visible from Bluff Road. Loeber said the farm on the property is about 100 years old. He is not planning to use the CUP for vacation rentals that he was issued. He has been working to reclaim the property. There are 6 acres of prairie grasses that the previous owner established. He added that the quarry pit is about 4 acres rather than 6 acres. He thinks the quarry is over 60 years old and wants to fill it in with the top soil. He would relocate about 186 yards of fill to the quarry location. The dimensions of building are 101' W/L x 44' W/L x 25'H. Motion to recommend approval to the town board by Hill, second by Olah. Motion passed.

Under **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**, McCumber reported that there have been 53 permits totaling \$5.2 million. The state's 2018 population estimate has put the town's population at 997 residents.

Motion to adjourn by Hill, second by Gaedke. Motion passed.