



Kabetogama Township Comprehensive Plan Committee

7:00 p.m. July 24, 2006

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

Planning Commission Attending: Betsey Warrington, Paul Kiner, Phil Hart, Robert Nevalainen, Alan Burchell, and Niles Wilkins.

ARDC: Andy Hubley and Ben VanTassel

1. Introductions
-Andy Hubley called the meeting to order at 7pm.

2. Comprehensive Plan Introductions
*-Hubley gave a short description of ARDC and spoke of how ARDC fits into the planning process.
-Hubley then summarized the work plan and explained the process to complete the comprehensive plan.*

3. Asset Mapping Exercise
-The public was then split up into 5 groups with a large aerial photo of the township and asked to list as many assets of the area as they could. Then in a large group setting the assets were collected and the public was asked for threats to the assets. See attached asset mapping summary.

4. Next Steps
-Hubley then explained what the next steps of the process would be and how the public was to be involved.

5. Meeting adjourned

Assets with threats

1. Recreation
 - a. Voyageurs National Park
 - i. Reduction in funding

- ii. Wilderness restrictions
 - iii. Federal bureaucracy
 - iv. Township and park have different goals
 - v. Fire restrictions and invasive species
- b. Wilderness and rural campsites
 - i. Campsites are abused
 - ii. Costs for general maintenance
 - iii. Congestion
 - iv. Lack of funding options
- c. Tour Boat
 - i. Too small
 - ii. Is not run often enough
 - iii. Lack of concession options
 - iv. Scheduling is not very flexible
- d. WoodenFrog Campground
 - i. Only a few sites are on the water
 - ii. No nighttime marina
 - iii. Lack of funding
 - iv. Does not have state park type facilities
- e. Trail system
 - i. Limited funding for maintenance
 - ii. Need bike trails aside from road shoulders
 - iii. More trail head parking
- f. Lady Slippers
 - i. Spraying alongside the road
 - ii. People picking them
- g. Lake Recreation
 - i. Restrictions
 - ii. Interaction between uses
 - iii. Educate visitors
 - iv. Water quality
 - v. Houseboats (Grey water)

2. Economics

- a. Resorts and Resort Association
 - i. Signage is inconsistent
 - ii. Rising land values create hardships
 - b. Development
 - i. Limited access for development
 - c. Timber
3. Inland Land Use
- a. Lack of Congestion
 - i. Changing land uses
4. Shoreline Land Use
- a. View of the lake
 - i. Condominium projects
5. Community
- a. Community Entrance
 - i. Changing highway 53
 - ii. Store and Kabetogama sign have limited area (encroaching swamp)
 - iii. Community supporting maintenance needs volunteers
 - b. Rock Garden
 - i. Volunteers for maintenance
 - c. Community Hall
 - i. New building needs: AC, winterized, structural, and building grants
 - ii. Programs to use the building often
 - d. Fire/EMS
 - i. Need for volunteers (aging population)
 - ii. Better equipment
 - iii. Communication towers needed
 - e. Town organization
 - i. Need participation
 - f. Variety of activities
 - i. Lack of connectivity
 - ii. Rink volunteers and warming shack

- iii. Need more community events
- iv. Younger people activities
- g. Cemetery
 - i. Space and maintenance
- h. Historical society
 - i. Lack of central location
- i. View shed
 - i. Need rest area or pull off spot
- j. Communication
 - i. Lack of cell coverage
 - ii. Partial high speed (expensive)
 - iii. Post office- zip code problems

6. Transportation

- a. Wildlife
 - i. Roads are hazards for deer and animal sight seeing
- b. Presence of a County Garage
 - i. Changing in management
 - ii. Budgets
- c. Roads
 - i. Main roads need shoulders
 - ii. Need speed enforcement
 - iii. Brush and signs are visual hindrance

7. Wastewater

- a. Wastewater education
- b. Funding
- c. Houseboat Regulation
 - i. Grey water

8. Housing

- a. Limited housing
 - i. Limited rental or low-income housing
- b. Desired living area
 - i. Increase land values