

November, 2017

Update Addendum to Town of Pine Lake Comprehensive Plan

At the direction of the Pine Lake Town Board, the Plan Commission began the process of 10 year update of the Comprehensive Plan in August, 2016. After discussion as to how to proceed, the Commission prepared a survey/questionnaire to be sent to all property owners in the December, 2016, tax bills requesting that completed surveys be returned when paying property taxes. The group used the original survey compiled and deleted a couple of questions and added additional questions regarding ATV/UTV Routes newly opened in the town and the internet/broadband services throughout the town.

By the end of January, 2017, 430 completed surveys had been returned to the town. This compared with 870 returned in July, 2001. Results were compiled and reviewed by the Plan Commission and the Town Board. Results are also included and attached.

A Public Hearing for the Purpose of Obtaining Public Input on Updating the Town's Current Comprehensive Plan (required by law even if no changes are planned) was held October 4, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. The notice was published as a legal notice in the River News, display ads appeared in the North Star Journal, notices were posted at the public locations in the town and on the town's website, www.townofpinelake.com. The public meeting was not well attended with three citizens along with the six of the Plan Commission members, the five town board members and the town clerk.

The information gathered at the public hearing along with the surveys sent to all property owners were discussed at the next regular meeting of the Plan Commission on October 11, 2017, in order to make any recommendations to the town board for the update of the Comprehensive Plan. The following items were recommended to and approved by the Town Board on November 18, 2017.

Changes affecting the Recreational Portion of Comprehensive Plan:

The Town Board by ordinance that is reviewed annually, opened all town roads except North and West Birchwood Drive to ATV/UTV Routes. The Town Board required that a Pine Lake ATV/UTV Club be formed in order to help with enforcement of the ordinance, which was done. The club also paid for all signage and were responsible for putting the signs up. Original ordinance and amendments are attached. (2014-2017)

Several years ago, bike routes with signage had also been opened in the town. (2006)

Changes affecting the Land Use Portion of Comprehensive Plan:

In response to the original Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board adopted the Land Division Condominium Control Ordinance (see attached copy) after input from the Plan Commission and Public Hearing. The ordinance currently is now subject to recent state changes to shoreland zoning. (2005-2011) Original ordinance and amendments are attached.

The adequacy of the original Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Pine Lake is affirmed with the addition of the above items.