

**Minutes of the Parish Town and Village Planning Board  
and Conservation Advisory Council  
Parish Village Gym  
October 26, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Paul Gage, Chairman. Roll call was taken.

**Roll Call: Paul Gage, Chairman  
Diane Spaziani  
Kevin Dwyer**

**Ben McDonald  
Bill Scriber  
Virginia Brown, Clerk**

**Reading of the Minutes:** Paul Gage asked if everyone received the minutes and if so, did they have any changes or corrections? Kevin D. brought up regarding the electronic signature, /s/ before the clerk's name. Bill S. said that if the clerk could not hear something that it should be excluded instead of listed as "inaudible". Paul G. asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Diane S. made the motion to accept and Kevin D. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Communications/Reports of Committee:** Paul G. said that we have all been invited to meet with Matt Johnson and the Town Board on 12/3 to discuss the zoning law amendments. It is assumed that the meeting will be held at 6:30pm, in the gym. Paul G. mentioned the online training.

Paul Baxter- Tug Hill Commission- Gave a reminder for the remote training and meetings.

**Old Business:** Continue work on updating comprehensive plan. Diane S. said she had taken some new pictures of the town. Paul G. said he sent the changes so far to Matt J. When Matt comes to a meeting, they will discuss all of that then.

Page 21, Manufactured Homes, goals and strategies: A few changes were suggested to the former plan. The village and town need to pursue Senior citizen housing. Pursue water so that housing development can happen. Without water, improvements will be hard to make.

Page 23, Parks and Recreation: Central Park, Merrill Park, Happy Valley Wildlife area and Canfield Park. Merrill Park: Strike the wording about the playground equipment from the (old) elementary school. Central Park: Strike the wording about the equipment from the old elementary school.

Page 24, Strategies: It was suggested building an information center for people coming into the area and make better use of Happy Valley State land. Ask the State to help to develop a parking area within it. Explore the Little Salmon River for portage, perhaps a trail could go from Parish to Mexico? (Ben M said they can't as there is a big pipe in the way).

Page 25, Historical/Preservation: Stay the same. Library, Brick or wood for siding on addition? Wood is what they are using on the new addition. Vinyl siding is not permitted on the Library; it has to be brick or wood per code.

Page 26, Strategies: There is nothing on the Historic Registry. There was talk of a walking tour of the town of historic properties. Strike the language about the walking tour.

Page 27, Rural character: Encourage land use in rural areas to those that are compatible with farming, forestry and other open space use. Do not allow the creation of lots that include land locked land.

Page 28, Encourage properly cited Telecommunication towers and windmills. Educate owners of forested land of appropriate management so that their land values are perpetuated rather than degraded over time.

Page 29, Water resources: Appendix A, maps in comprehensive plan. Strategies: protect water resources.

Page 31, Economic strategies: take out the "Commercial Park", that is not going to happen. All of this is a vision. Industrial development and commercial development in Parish: Perhaps get parents involved to encourage economic growth? Encourage business. It was mentioned that the village could make Central Park into a parking lot for the convenience of the citizens.

Paul G. asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Diane S. and seconded by Ben M. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectively submitted,

/s/

Virginia Brown