

T H E T O W N O F
MERRIMAC

56911 State Highway 113 – P.O. Box 115
Merrimac, WI 53561

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
February 16, 2011; 7:00pm

Present were, John Gaedke, Acting-Chair; Tim Healy, Eva Spear, Dan Purcell, Doug Hill, Ron Lestikow, and Frank Olah. Also present was Tim McCumber, Town Administrator and Town Planner Mike Slavney.

Gaedke called to order a **PUBLIC HEARING** regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light Company to upgrade the existing legal non-conforming substation located at E13910 County Road DL in accordance Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance 2.10 requiring such use be approved as a conditional use. The property is further identified by tax parcel 026-0378-00000 and is located in the Agricultural District. Application by Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light Company, Brian Cooke, Real Estate and Right-of-Way, 4902 Biltmore Lane, Suite 1000, Madison, WI 53718-2148. Cooke presented the site plans for the project noting the existing facility has been in place since 1972. It is served by a 69KV line that is owned by American Transmission Company (ATC) and it splits out to serve the area residents and the business community. It will be larger than the existing site. They already moved some existing trees that were considered out of compliance. They are adding an impermeable surface that will be a safeguard against leaking. The current 85' pole that services communications for Alliant crews and alarm features will be larger and 100' tall. It is also subject to Lakeshore Protection ordinance and the County telecommunication ordinance. Alliant has some limitations for vegetative protection, but the plan is to put in arbor vitae to meet the need. Cooke noted that McCumber had asked that they address the site corridors and he reported that the right of way a county owned corridor. They would be willing to work with Sauk County, but they would have to engineer the slopes to approve the site. Slavney said our recommendation includes a condition to improve the corridor problem, it should carry enough weight. Paul Harrington, who lives on the opposite corner asked about the noise noting the noise that already exists. Cooke said the noise should be reduced. Harrington asked about the lighting and Cooke noted the only lighting would be at the entrance. No other persons appeared. Motion to close the hearing by Hill, second by Spear. Motion passed.

Gaedke called the Zoning Commission meeting to order; McCumber certified compliance with the open meetings law. The commission considered the minutes of the January 19, 2011 for approval. Motion by Hill to accept the minutes, second by Healy. Motion passed. There was no **OLD BUSINESS**. Under **NEW BUSINESS**, the commission considered a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Alliant Energy/Wisconsin Power and Light Company to upgrade the existing legal non-conforming substation located at E13910 County Road DL in accordance Town of Merrimac Zoning Ordinance 2.10 requiring such use be approved as a conditional use. Hill recommended the town board approve the conditional use once the grading plan for the corner and the vegetation plan were submitted and approved by Mike Slavney. Second by Healy. Motion passed.

Under the **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**, McCumber reported 2 permits have been issued totaling \$501,000. Motion to adjourn by Hill, second by Spear. Motion passed.