

Minutes of Hiles Planning Committee

March 8, 2016

6:30 PM

Hiles Town Hall

Meeting called to order: By Mark Ferris 6:30 PM. A sign in sheet was provided for all in attendance.

In Attendance: Mark Ferris, Margaret Tauer-McCarthy, Marilyn Pfeiffer, Dick Rausch, Jan Rausch, Don Strand

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Dick Rausch to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 meeting, Second by Marilyn Pfeiffer, All in favor, Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Town Board Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Other announcements will be covered in old business and updates.

Old Business and Updates

- **Kiosk:** The material for the Kiosk will be delivered to the High School in the next few days and the students plan on getting started right away. This means the Kiosk could be done earlier than anticipated. The size should be approximate 6' x 16' with a metal roof. Some committee members would be interested in working with the Town Board on the placement of the Kiosk. More information to follow at our next meeting.
- **Directional signs:** Everything is on schedule with the County directional signs. Applications are done and should have the signs in place by the middle of May.
- **Scenic Byway:** Everything is on schedule.
- **Forest County Tourism grant:** Will put this on the April agenda.
- **Facebook Page:** A Facebook page would be used for providing information only on town events not as an official town page. Nothing could be posted without review and approval. More discussion took place and Margaret Tauer-McCarthy will look into this a little further.
- **Hiles Brochure:** The Forest County Economic Development Partnership created a threefold brochure very quickly so that it could be used for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sport show which was held recently. It is a document that can easily be changed and modified. It was done at no cost to us. Accommodations listed on the back page are the ones that pay room tax. These will go in all the visitors' information racks. Guidebooks and recreational maps were also passed out. The pictures on the cover of the guidebook are always picked by a contest they hold. The Hiles page was changed and updated from the last issue.

- **Broadband:** Last week Grow North had meetings on the Broadband with Frontier. A lot of money has been designated for upgrading broadband in the next five years. This will be starting in 2016 and completed in 2020. Hiles will be one of the towns on the list. More information in future meetings.
- **Forest County Land & Water Resources:** There was a discussion to have Pam Labine possibly come to a Lake Association Meeting instead of a Planning Committee Meeting where there could be more people in attendance due to the time of the year.
- **ATV/Snowmobile Trailhead:** Talked about where a good place for a Trailhead would be. Some suggestions were made and will be discussed in a future meeting.
- **Silent Sports:** Look into anything we can gather that relates to silent sports. , We need to capture all the opportunities that we can for our visitors. Margaret Tauer-McCarthy is the point person for Silent Sports.
- **Hiles Comprehensive 10 year Plan:** This is a 10 year Town plan which every town must have; it is a plan of what the town should be doing as far as development etc. Discussion in a future meeting. Web site <http://www.newrpc.org/forest/hiles.html>
- **Next Meeting:** Will be Tuesday, **April 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the Hiles Town Hall
- **Motion to adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Dick Rausch, a second by Don Strand, All in Favor. Motion passed at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Jan Rausch, Secretary