

City of Battle Lake Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting – October 16, 2023

Mayor Richard Bullard called the joint council/planning commission meeting to order on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Also present from the council were Don Maslow, and Marjorie Quammen. Absent were Julia DeMars and Ryan Christensen. Members present from the Planning Commission were Dennis Pederson, Rezin Everts, John Salvevold, and Greg Maynard. Absent was Heather Jacobson. Also present at City Hall were Clerk/Treasurer, Val Martin; and Ben Oleson from Hometown Planning.

There was again the discussion of the rental of lake-controlled access and the rental of dock slips. Ben Oleson researched what other communities have done and was not able to find very much information on the matter. Many Cities would simply not allow it. It might make sense to have a definition of a marina and standards for it. Some of the discussion included:

- Consider a moratorium
- To simply not allow it
- If allowed, lots should meet minimum standards
- Require proof of insurance
- What about renting out a lot (not just portions of one)
- The group agreed that a public input meeting would be the best option moving forward. It will be scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting continued with the review of the Comprehensive Plan to discuss Community Character and Housing Sections. The group also agreed that we should go through each section as a group.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn 8:33 p.m.

Valerie Martin, Clerk/Treasurer