Town of Bergen, Marathon County
Planning Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Bergen Town Hall, 207641 Anglers Lane, Mosinee, WI. 54455

Meeting Called to Order at 6 p.m.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Committee Members. Present**:** Ed Rucinski, Quinn Sanford, Sandi Cihlar, Brent Zimmerman, Mike Tryba, JonJanz, JoAnn Sondelski. Quinn Sanford left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: Sandi Cihlar Seconded by: Jon Janz. Vote Taken. All in favor, approved

Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2026 minutes. Motion made by: Quinn Sanford. Seconded by Jon Janz. Vote taken, all in favor, approved.

Review and discussion of Comprehensive plan. Each of the chapters were reviewed and the following discussions and/or edits were made:

Page 17: Discussed the statement regarding the water supply on CTH C. It was agreed to keep that statement as written.
Page 24: The following changes were made: Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and data centers along with an additional bullet adding a statement about the runoff and the quantity of blue green algae in the Big Eau Pleine reservoir and the impact on the natural resources and the rural character of the town. A bullet to include Work with partners such as BEPCO (Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization), EPICC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation), Marathon County Conservation Department, UW-Extension, UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation and Consolidated Water and Power.
Page 41: Under Bus/Transit. A correction was made, based upon calls Sandi Cihlar made to the named organizations, service is still available but routes are no longer scheduled and demand service is available with a 72 hour notice. A change was also made to clarify that only foot traffic (hiking) is allowed on the trails at the George W. Mead Wildlife Area.
Page 48: Remove reference to SAFER and replace it to read other entities.
Page 50: Add BESS, and Data Centers to issues with the same wording as the solar and wind energy issues.
Page 51: Remove reference to SAFER and replace it to read other entities.
Page 54: Remove the reference to Town of Cloverland and replace with Town of Bergen.
Page 64: Wording will be changed to reflect that the county has completed their plan.
Page 69: A request will be made to Eric Sonnleitner to change the land use map classifications to be in alignment with those terms used by Marathon County.
Page 71: Change the wording to indicate that the Town of Bergen will be adopting county zoning and strike the wording that the Town has its own zoning ordinances.
Page 72: Add the link to the zoning map.
Page 76: Remove the reference to SAFER.
Page 80: Insert statement that the official map is based on our county zoning map and the town is moving to county zoning.

Review and discussion of current county zoning map The previous plan put future growth in the Beans Eddy area and it was suggested that we should designate that area as well.

Review and discussion of future land division ordinance. Robust discussion was held regarding the 2 acre minimum in the Beans Eddy Area. It was ultimately decided to table this point and place it on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Land Division and Roadway Access. Tabled until the next meeting.

Review and discuss possible roadway access ordinance. Tabled until next meeting

Set next committee meeting date. November 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. set for the next meeting.

Adjournment. Ed Rucinski made motion to adjourn. Jon Janz seconded. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: JoAnn Sondelski, Town of Bergen Planning Commission Secretary