

NEPEUSKUN NEWS

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Town Website: Visit www.townofnepeuskun.org The website has zoning ordinances, permits, Town Board & Plan Commission meeting minutes & agendas, land use ordinances, history, and much more. Check it out!

RUSH LAKE PROJECT – Stantec, a leading ecological contracting firm, has partnered with Rush Lake Watershed Restoration, Inc. (RLWRI) to apply for grants, develop a focused Lake Management Plan, and implement techniques that reduce invasive cattail and re-establish bulrush. Grants will be an important funding source for the planning and implementation work and can get these projects underway in 2019! One grant application has been submitted and at least two more will be before February 1, 2019. RLWRI is also looking to volunteers and donations to supplement the grants which will require "skin in the game". The next general meeting of RLWRI is Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the Nepeuskun Town Hall. All are welcome to attend, participate, and be a part of the effort to improve Rush Lake and its watershed. For more information, you can contact the RLWRI Directors from the Town of Nepeuskun, Brett Helmbrecht, Bob LaBuda, and Ron Bahn and you can also find information online at www.rushlakewi.com and on Facebook @RushLakeWI.

THANK YOU!!

Wayne & Wade Kaufman for clearing trees from the road during recent storms.

To the brush cutting crews, previous and current members, a lot of storm cleanup this summer in hot and humid conditions in addition to their regular fall and spring maintenance!

VOTE - VOTE - VOTE – PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID TO VOTE! Tuesday, November 6, 2018, is Fall Election Day! The ballot will include: Governor/ Lt Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, State Senator, State Assembly seat, Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk of Circuit Court, Referendum Question #1 on the “Dark Store” loophole, and Referendum Question #2 on non-partisan redistricting. Voter registration will be required for anyone not previously registered within the Town of Nepeuskun. Please bring required documentation. Information can be found at – myvote.wi.gov. Polls at the Town Hall will be open from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m. Don’t forget your photo ID. Sample ballots will be published in the Oshkosh Northwestern.

FARMING ACTIVITY IN ROAD RIGHT-OF WAY: Please be aware that any type of farming activity (tillage, planting, harvesting, etc.) is not allowed in the road right-of-way. The right-of-way area does vary depending on State, County and Town roads. Sometimes it is marked with the R/W signs. Most times it is not, and in particular on Town roads, you can measure 33 feet from the centerline of the road to find the boundary in most cases. If a landowner desires to find the boundary, contact any Town official and it will get located for you.

Dates To Remember

RUSH LAKE PROJECT MEETING - Thursday, October 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

2019 BUDGET HEARING - Monday, October 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall

FALL ELECTION - Tuesday, November 6, 2018, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Voter ID required

RECYCLING – Every third Saturday of the month – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS – Every third Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall

REGULAR MONTHLY PLAN COMMISSION MEETINGS – Usually every first Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Town Hall

WE NEED YOUR HELP – Town officials do not regularly travel all Town roads in order to observe hazards. If there is a down tree, pothole or gully, snow that was not plowed, etc. – Please contact any Town official to let them know.

GARBAGE PICKUP – Private garbage pickup is available in the Town. You may contact Jon Schure for more info at 920-361-2970.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? The Town of Nepeuskun is continuing to compile a list of residents, landowners and any other interested parties who would desire to be contacted by email with public information. Please visit the Town of Nepeuskun website to register. Look for the Email Sign Up Tab. Your information will not be shared.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS: . Land/Home owners in the Town of Nepeuskun are required to seek permits for building, remodeling and some use of property. The requirements for permits have been in place for more than 30 years with some modifications. The most common permits issued by the Town of Nepeuskun are:

- Zoning permit
- Conditional use permit
- Driveway/culvert permit
- Building permit
- Special Events permit

Zoning permits [typically referred to as a ‘building permit’] are required for all building that cost more than \$2,000 with the exception of roof replacement. Typical zoning permits are issued for remodeling, new windows and siding, additional buildings, additions, decks and other structures. Prior to issuing a ‘zoning permit’, setbacks from property lines and appropriateness of the structure to the zoning of the property, are reviewed with the Zoning Administrator. Buildings that cost more than \$40,000 are subject to a ‘site plan review’ and acceptance or denial by the Town of Nepeuskun. If you are planning to build/remodel, contact the Town Zoning Administrator, Jerry Trochinski, early in your process to review your plans.

- Zoning permits help insure all requirements are met
- Zoning permits are important for fair taxation
- Failure to seek a zoning permit may subject the land owner to fines, forfeitures and back taxes

Only through uniform application, zoning permit requirements, and notification of property improvements for tax purposes, can fairness for all Town residences be assured. Be proactive

and seek to be informed.

Conditional Use Permits are required for many land uses. A Conditional Use Permit may be issued by the Town Board after following a recommendation of the Town Plan Commission and following a public hearing. Typical Conditional Use Permits includes “sales of products from your property”, “business use of your property”, “gravel/sand/clay pits”, “special use of property”. A listing of uses that require a Conditional Use Permit are included in the Nepeuskun Municipal Code.

Driveway/Culvert Permit is required for modification or addition of a driveway and/or culvert on a Town of Nepeuskun road.

Building Permit is required for all new homes. There is an extensive list of requirements at the Town, County and State level that must be met for building a new home. The Town Zoning Administrator will meet with all land owners planning on building a new home to discuss all requirements. Plan a minimum of a 3 months from your contact with the Zoning Administrator and beginning of construction of a new home.

Special Use Events Permit is required for large gatherings of people for an event. Examples include outdoor music concerts, large fun run and other gatherings typically happen annually or onetime event.

MUNICIPAL CODE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

http://www.townofnepeuskun.org/townordinances/municipal_code_draft/municipal_code_7-23-15_web.pdf

OR BY CONTACTING A TOWN BOARD MEMBER OR ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SPRING ELECTION: Chairperson Ronald Bahn announced at the 2018 Annual meeting, that he would not be seeking reelection in 2019. The Chairperson is one of the 3 Supervisors on the Town Board with equal voting power of the other 2 but with some additional duties and powers as per State Statutes. Anyone interested in running for any position as a Town Official must file nomination papers by early January 2019. Nomination papers can be circulated beginning in early December. Contact Town Clerk Beckie Pinnow for details.

4H NEWS - Lakeshore 4-H had another great fair and we took 3rd place on our billboard. We again are selling fall mums as a fundraiser, so if interested, contact a 4-H member or leader. If anyone is interested in joining 4-H you can contact Kathy Wunrow 290-2664 or Tanya Weis 229-6782

FARMLAND PRESERVATION - The State (DATCP) has provided for individual Towns in Winnebago County to develop their own Farmland Preservation (FP) Plan. The Town Plan Commission has decided to pursue this option and held a Public Information Meeting on August 6, 2018. An overview of the entire FP program was given by Ken Jaworski from Martenson & Eisele, who is the Town's planning consultant. The Town has developed specific criteria for what is considered "agriculture" and is eligible for the farmland preservation designation. The Town welcomes public comment from land owners on how the criteria are assigned to individual properties. The FP Plan dovetails with the current Town Comprehensive Plan review that is in progress. Depending on further public input, the Town is hoping to have a DATCP certified FP Plan and the next step of a FP zoning map completed by the end of 2019 so landowners could receive tax credits for 2019. If your land is eventually zoned for FP, you do not have to do anything as far as applying for the tax credits – tax credit is completely voluntary. Current A-2 zoning in Nepeuskun is almost identical to the A-1 zoning in Nepeuskun, especially as far as the number of building sites you can develop. But landowners are currently ineligible to receive tax credits under the A-2 zoning district. It is the town's intent to make those landowners eligible in the future through this planning and zoning process. Nepeuskun currently has 13 landowners that received an estimated total of \$12,067 in tax credits during 2017 under the FP program. Contact Town Chair Ronald Bahn at (920) 570-3296 with questions.