

**TOWN OF TWISP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
JUNE 10, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Pro-Tem Mike Port called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**Attendees:** Commissioner Bill Tackman  
Commissioner Donna Keyser  
Planner Kurt Danison  
Amy Stork, Director of TwispWorks  
Lauri Losinski, Owner Valley Hardware

**Absentees:** Chair Vicki Hallowell  
Commissioner Alison Gillette

**Additions:** Sign Ordinance & Okanogan County Comment Sheet on CUP

**Deletions:** None

**Minutes:** Commissioner Tackman moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Keyser and passed unanimously.

Public comment Period: Up to 3 Minutes

There was no public comment.

Announcements:

There were no announcements at this time.

**Public Hearing - Proposed Municipal Code Update - TwispWorks Foundation Overlay**

Chair Pro-Tem Port opened the public hearing to take comments on the proposed changes to Twisp Municipal Code (TMC) 18.40.060, Twisp Public Development Authority Overlay at 5:03 pm. There was no public present to make comment. Planner Danison stated that the proposed changes were necessary due to the restructuring of the Authority to a Foundation. The overlay gives TwispWorks more flexibility in uses allowed at the complex.

Executive Director Stork stated that the flexibility of the overlay gives TwispWorks the ability to offer more educational opportunities to the community. For example, welding would not be allowed in C-1 but was allowed at TwispWorks via the Overlay. Director Stork thanked the Town for their support of TwispWorks.

**Motion:**

Commissioner Keyser made the motion to recommend the Twisp Municipal Code 18.40.060 proposed changes to the Twisp Town Council as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tackman and passed unanimously.

**Sign Ordinance**

Mrs. Losinski, co-owner of Valley Hardware submitted a letter and a signage story board of Twisp to the Commission. Mr. & Mrs. Losinski are requesting a change to the Sign Ordinance. They have purchased a reader board sign to use at their retail store and they did not realize that reader board signs were not allowed per TMC, Sign Ordinance, 15.20. She included other reader board signs that are in place in Twisp on her story board. It was noted by Planner Danison that certain reader boards were grandfathered in when the Sign Ordinance was approved.

Mrs. Losinski noted TMC 15.20.040 (10) which states that portable signs, except sandwich board signs (A-frame signs) as provided herein are prohibited. Also noted at the meeting (8) Signs with changeable copy, aka reader boards, with the exception of gasoline price signs are prohibited.

The Commissioners thanked Mrs. Losinski for her letter and request for change on the reader board issue.

**Action: The Commissioners will study the issue and TMC 15.20 reader boards will be on the agenda for July.**

The Commissioners noted that any recommendations from the Planning Commissioners to change the Sign Ordinance would go to Council for approval.

The Commissioners and Planner Danison discussed the Loup Loup Ski Rental Shop's sign. Ron Mackie, owner of the Loup Loup Ski Rental Shop came to a Planning Commission meeting in January and discussed his prohibited reader board sign. Since then, Building Inspector Marc Straub has made contact with Mr. Mackie several times about the sign.

**Action: Planner Danison will ask Building Inspector Straub about the statue of that enforcement issue.**

**Old/New Business****Okanogan County Notice of Application and Threshold SEPA Determination: Classic Towing LLC**

Classic Towing LLC is requesting of Okanogan County a Conditional Use Permit, on Parcel 6850080002. The parcel is in Twisp's Urban Growth Area and the Town received a notice of application and an opportunity to comment on the project.

Chair Pro-Tem Port noted that Parcel 6850080002 is in the section of Twisp’s UGA that is designated for commercial use.

**Action: Planner Danison will comment to the County that Twisp supports Classic Towing LLC’s request for a Conditional Use Permit for Parcel 6850080002.**

Chair Pro-Tem Port closed the meeting at 5:54 pm.

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Janie Surface, Secretary

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Mike Port, Chair Pro-Tem