PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 17, 2007

PRESENT: Douglas Richmond, Phil Baebler, Tim O’Neil, Fred Teitgen, John Healy

OTHERS PRESENT: Harlan Baumgartner, Jack Sanderson, Richard Boockmeier, Joe Jahn, Dustin Weis

STAFF: Michael Stapleton, Zoning Administrator,

Meeting called to order by Chair Doug Richmond at 5:40 P.M.

Mike Stapleton distributed copies of sign ordinances from Dane County and the Town of Dekorra, also information downloaded from the website for Citizens for a Scenic Wisconsin. The Committee will review these, along with the previously distributed St. Croix County ordinance, and develop a draft proposal.

Joe Jahn expressed general support for ordinance development, but objected to the current lack of commercial and industrial zoned properties where signs could be placed and the limitations contained in the St. Croix County ordinance on off-premise signs which he claimed were necessary for economic growth. Mr. Teitgen disagreed and stated that Dekorra’s intent was to protect the aesthetics of their town by preventing further billboard proliferation.

There was brief discussion relating to “LED” signs; Mr. Jahn stating that they should be allowed under some circumstances; Mr. Teitgen disagreed. Mr. Jahn also spoke about sign owners’ ability to maintain existing signs almost indefinitely under current law.

Motion by Healy, second by Teitgen to adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Teitgen, Secretary
Planning and Zoning Committee
Recording Secretary

Michael Stapleton
Zoning Administrator