

CHARTER FOR THE TOWN OF OAKLAND

LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE

In the year 1999 the State of Wisconsin passed legislation that required communities to develop comprehensive land use plans with public input so that the residents of the towns could lay out their visions for the community's future. These plans were not intended to be land use regulations but rather to provide a rational basis for land use decisions. The law required that by January 1st, 2010, the adoption or amendment of zoning, land division and official mapping regulations must be consistent with an adopted local comprehensive plan. These plans were also meant to be dynamic and, therefore, to be updated and changed with the times, changing economics and changing demographics. While communities were encouraged to revisit their plans as needed the law required they be updated every ten years.

In the fall of 2019, the Oakland Town Board sought volunteers to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). From those discussions grew the realization that a permanent Land Use Committee would be in the best interest of the town's residents to help the Oakland Town Board better communicate the Town's position on proposed land uses to the Burnett County Land Use Committee. A five-member volunteer committee was formed of Oakland Township taxpayers in September of 2020. It was determined that no Town Board members would serve on the committee and that, preferably, up to three members of the committee would be a non-resident taxpayers.

The members of the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) would include the following:

1. Chair
2. Vice Chair
3. Secretary
4. Member
5. Member

Volunteers would be appointed by the Town Board and would serve a term of three years. To ensure continuity the members' terms would be staggered. This rotation would occur in June of each year. If there are not enough community volunteers to fill positions being vacated, a member could volunteer to stay on for another three years but preferably would not serve more than two consecutive terms. When the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are being vacated by members rotating off, the members remaining or incoming will fill those positions by nomination.

A quorum for conducting the business of the Committee will be three of five Committee members. Taking direction from the Town Board, our primary task will be to review applicable Conditional Use Permit applications, re-zoning requests, and Burnett County zoning ordinance amendments to determine their compliance with the Oakland CLUP. The purpose of this formal review is to provide input to the Town Board vis-à-vis the Oakland CLUP to assist the board in communicating the position of the Town to the County Land Use and Information Committee. The LUPC may, if requested by the Town Board, work on other issues related to land use. This will ensure the needs, views, and expectations on land use for all Oakland residents and property owners is protected. Further, public input to this committee will always be welcome.

In order to ensure the LUPC Committee is functioning as intended and filling the needs of the community, the Town Board shall be requested to do an annual review of the Committee's work at the December meeting each year. This would be an informal review to communicate the town's position regarding the quality of their work.

Lastly, this committee is committed to working with the Burnett County Land Services Department to ensure the Town of Oakland implements Burnett County land use processes in a timely manner by formally communicating the Town's needs and wishes relative to land use requests.