

**TOWN OF SAUKVILLE
PLAN COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003
7:30 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Terry Hoffman, Plan Commission members Bill Niehaus, Curt Rutkowski, Jill Hepburn, Kate Smallish, Jim Kadow and Ginny Pierson. Also present were Roger Kison, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator and Community Planner, Martin Marchek.
4. **Approval of the February 11, 2003 Plan Commission Minutes:** Motion by Bill Niehaus to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Kate Smallish. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Discussion/action of request by Village of Fredonia to re-evaluate the speed limit being proposed for Meadowlark Road:** The Village of Fredonia would like to see the speed limit on this road changed from a 35mph to 45mph. Bill Niehaus stated he had no objection to the change as was also expressed by Curt Rutkowski. Motion by Chairman Hoffman to recommend to the Town Board to raise from 35mph to 45mph to be in line with the Village of Fredonia. Second by Bill Niehaus. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Discussion/action on establishing a Moratorium on the Development of new “Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations” in the Town of Saukville:** Chairman Hoffman explained this item was on the agenda in an effort for the town to be more proactive than reactive on this issue. Marty Marchek was present and although he stated he had no personal experience with this issue he did contact a planning research organization asked for their research and they sent a publication done in 1998. What they found when they looked at municipalities throughout the country, especially in the central part of the country (Iowa and the Dakotas) was that they were in no way prepared for what they encountered in the last ten years. As far as the Town code is concerned the “fix” is relatively simple for any new “CAFOs.” This would simply be made a conditional use with data requirements. Expansions however would need to be dealt with in a different manner. Marty will come back to the Plan Commission with some proposals in order to have a form of regulation that can be easily implemented. Size of operation or number of animals needs to be addressed, among other things. Motion by Terry to recommend to the Town Board a six-month moratorium on development of new concentrated animal feeding operations in the Town of Saukville. Second by Bill Niehaus. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Discussion/action on review of zoning regulations to determine if amendments are required to adequately regulate “Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations”:** Chairman Hoffman stated that there was some language in place but it needs to be “shored up” with better definitions. Marty explained that he would call the State Department of Agriculture to find out what threshold numbers they use for CAFOs. Motion to refer this to Marty Marchek, Planner for the Town of Saukville to look at different regulations and zoning text. Second by Kate Smallish. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Any other business as may properly come before the Plan Commission:** None
9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Chairman Hoffman to adjourn. Second by Bill Niehaus. Motion carried unanimously.

Terry Hoffman, Chairman

Minutes: C. M. De Groot