

Status Update re: Tyrol Basin Land Use Petition

The Town of Vermont has one sports based business in the township which is Tyrol Basin. Given that Tyrol Basin is for sale and will potentially be under new ownership, several questions and concerns have been raised regarding expansion plans and how the Town and Dane County process a petition of this nature.

It is of utmost importance to the elected members of the Town board and the appointed members of the Planning Commission that the process for dealing with all land use petitions are consistent and transparent. The Town Planning Commission as well as the Town board follow statutorily required public notification requirements for all Land Use petitions. Resident input is always appreciated on topics coming before the Town Planning Commission or the Town Board. Citizens are encouraged to attend the meetings and weigh in on topics during the time designated for public comment.

Given the high profile nature of a Land Use Petition for Tyrol Basin that may be on an upcoming agenda, The Town of Vermont has put together a status update that will be publicly available so that all interested parties have a consistent set of information for reference.

Below is a list detailing the Town meetings or other meetings during which the topic of Tyrol Basin has been addressed:

- August 14, 2017 – Jim Warbacher from First Weber came before the Town board and during the Citizens' Input topic, he provided an update on the sale of Tyrol Basin. The property went on the market on June 1, 2017, and there have been inquiries and showings with several letters of intent. Potential buyers have inquired about summer opportunities for revenue.
- December 11, 2017 – Nathan McGree, a potential buyer for Tyrol Basin, came to the Town Board meeting to introduce himself, talk about his plans, and see if the board had any questions. If successful in his purchase bid, he hopes to increase year round events at Tyrol, adding seasonal events, tubing, increasing wedding and keeping it family friendly and non-corporate.
- May 14, 2018 – Tyrol Basin liquor license renewal was on the Town Board agenda and approved.
- May 21, 2018 Plan Commission Meeting – Tyrol Covenant of Deeds was on the Plan Commission meeting agenda for review and the suggested changes were supported.
- June 11, 2018 – Tyrol Covenant of Deeds was on the Town Board meeting agenda and suggested changes were supported. A revised Covenant of Deeds document cannot be formalized until the CUP application process is complete and all approvals are obtained as the Covenant of Deeds document is inextricably linked with the CUP. Tyrol Basin was asked to let the Plan Commission know when they had the necessary documents prepared in order to have their Conditional Use Permit application reviewed by the Plan Commission.
- July 30, 2018 – An information session was hosted by potential new owner, Nathan McGree. During the session, the Town reviewed the process that Conditional Use Permit applications go through with the Town of Vermont and Dane County. Nathan McGree presented his proposed business plans for Tyrol should he close on the property. At the meeting Nathan was asked if his council could reformat the Covenant of Deeds to create an easier reading document rather than the marked up original Covenant.

- August 1, 2018 - The Town of Vermont asked the Town's legal counsel to review the 2000 Covenant of Deeds document and was informed that Nathan McGree's council would be forwarding a reformatted document for review.
- August 1-10, 2018 – The Town has been in communication with Roger Lane, Dane County Zoning Administrator, to review the approvals previously granted to Tyrol Basin, the current zoning requirements for the property and the potential impact of future zoning changes. Roger provided a summary of current approvals and considerations based on his review. This document is available at: <http://www.vermonttownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Tyrol-Basin-Review.pdf>
- As of August 14, 2018 – Nathan has submitted all of the required zoning change and conditional use permit application documents to Dane County but has not yet submitted the filing fee. Nathan has not yet submitted the completed Town of Vermont Land Use Intent Form for a zoning change and conditional use permit. All supplementary application documents have been provided. The Land Use Intent form must be completed in order to be placed on an upcoming Plan Commission agenda; therefore, the Tyrol Basin CUP petition has not been placed on the August 27th Plan Commission agenda.