**Zoning Board of Appeals – September 6, 2018**

On September 6th, 2018, the Zoning Board of Appeals met at Village Hall, 613 Main Street, Colfax, WI. Members Present: Mike Kiekhafer, Chair, Mark Mosey, Gene Gibson and Jason Johnson. Absent: Rich Bautch. Other present: Herb Sakalaucks with the Colfax Railroad Museum, Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger.

**Public Appearances –** Diana Madison questioned what the park area would look like. Would there be large obstruction of view?

**Open Public Hearing – Soo Park, Parcel 17111-2-291116-240-0106**

Sakalaucks explained the Colfax Railroad Museum’s potential funding options which would assist in getting many of the outstanding projects complete. The restoration of the Depot is part of one of the grant requests. The Depot would become a key part of the train ride which is the primary use for the Soo Park land. Funding to install the track for the train ride has already been received from the Community Foundation. The train ride project is expected to be complete this fall. The Safety concern regarding a fence along the CN railroad tracks was mentioned and is part of the planning process. The Zoning of B-2 – Highway Commercial District seems appropriate with the amusement park allocation.

**Close Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Gibson to close the public hearing. Voice Vote was taken and all members voted yes. Motion carried

**Discussion of public comments and consideration of rezoning approval or denial.**

A motion was made by Gibson and seconded by Johnson to make a recommendation to the Board to approve the zoning change request from no zoning to the B-2 Highway Commercial District based on the amusement park allocation. Voting For: Mosey, Gibson, Johnson and Kiekhafer. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

**Adjourn** – A motion was made by Gibson and seconded by Mosey to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. All members voted yes.

Mike Kiekhafer, Chair

Attest: Lynn Niggemann

Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer