

Context:

1. FBEC has been asked by the Prairie du Sac Plan Commission to provide a scientific assessment of the potential impact that the proposed Nonn Development might have on eagles wintering in Sauk Prairie.
2. This assessment was based on research spanning 19 years (an investment of well over \$100,000) and directly examines the Sauk Prairie population of wintering eagles.
3. The FBEC biological assessment to the plan commission concluded that:
 - a) there is already negative impact by the Sauk Prairie Community on eagles wintering in the Sauk Prairie Area
 - b) the Nonn Development, as currently proposed, will likely have a significant impact on wintering eagles in Sauk Prairie without appropriate mitigation
 - c) alternative actions to avoid hurting the eagle population are possible but need to be developed further, which will take more time than the process currently allows
4. A request for FBEC to work with Mr. Nonn, so that the development could proceed without harming eagles, is the only specific response that the Prairie du Sac Plan Commission provided. No timeline or other guidelines to this request were provided, even when requested in writing by FBEC (The Prairie du Sac Village Board has received a copy of the FBEC biological assessment and other statements submitted to the Prairie du Sac Plan Commission). The Prairie du Sac Plan Commission then concluded that the impact of the proposed development will not affect eagles. This conclusion was made without citing any information that clarifies, refutes, or in any way deals with the FBEC biological assessment, which states that a significant impact will occur. The plan commission also did not respond to unresolved issues in the development plan raised by FBEC (and submitted in writing).
5. Adopting the PUD for the Nonn Proposal as it currently exists, therefore, greatly risks harming the Sauk Prairie population of wintering eagles. As a result FBEC believes that:
 - a) approval of this development plan, as proposed, would be in violation of the Sauk Prairie Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in November 2005 by the Village of Prairie du Sac
 - b) implementing the plan, as currently proposed, is a risk to the developer
 - c) the development plan, as proposed, threatens a \$1.2 million annual income generated by eagle tourists in winter for the Sauk Prairie Community.

FBEC Proposes:

1. That the Village Board thoroughly evaluate, examine, and respond to the biological assessment and other information that FBEC has already provided.
2. That a 120-day delay of voting on the PUD for the Nonn Development be declared so that:
 - a) FBEC and the Nonn development team will be allowed sufficient time to make a thorough assessment of the potential impacts that the proposed development places on the communities' eagle resources (see current list of unresolved issues) and to evaluate possible mediations and alternatives in an attempt to identify acceptable solutions.
 - b) a process can be created where we (all stakeholders) can assure that the needs of eagles, the developer, the community, and the village of Prairie du Sac be considered and, if possible, be satisfied.

Respectfully submitted August 22, 2006

Ferry Bluff Eagle Council

Timeline in 2006:

June 2 Biological Assessment submitted

June 25 Request for clarification submitted

July 5 Meeting with PdS Plan Commission, FBEC, developer

July 28 Meeting with Shawn, Ray, Kay, and Jeb

Aug. 7 Guidelines and John's statement submitted to Plan Commission

Aug. 22 Village Board Meeting