

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 5, 2007**

Margaret Black, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Erma Backenstose, Tim Baker, Margaret Black, Nora Corfis, Leonard Fritz, John Preniczky, Randy Stults, and Laura Boerema.

Absent: Dan Yale

No member of the public was present.

Chairperson Black asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated June 7, 2007. Leonard Fritz moved to accept the minutes. Tim Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comments and Communications

There was correspondence and communication regarding the following:

- Randy Stults distributed the February 2007 updated copies of Article 2 and Article 8 of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance. The Land Use Services Violation Enforcement Policy was also distributed to the Planning Commission members.
- Mr. Stults updated the Planning Commission members about his discussion with the County Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding the zoning violations and concerns discussed at our May 3, 2007 Planning Commission meeting.
- Mr. Stults contacted Ken Arndt regarding setting up a joint planning commission meeting with Bagley Township. Mr. Arndt will contact us about this meeting.

Public Hearings:

There was no public hearing.

Other Business:

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities
Mr. Stults reported the Otsego County Planning Commission granted the Grace Baptist Bible College's request for a change in zoning from Ag to R1 with a R2 buffer along Five Lakes Road. It also considered and

granted a 3-year extension for a mining operation permit in Chester Township.

The County Planning Commission also discussed use by right of B1 and B2 in B3 and Industrial areas. The Commission decided not to make this change in the zoning code.

Mr. Stults also reminded the Planning Commission that the County Master Planning sessions are on-going, and they are presently working on Land Use Definitions. The next meeting will be July 26, 2007 at 6:00 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Yuill Building.

- Fire Charges Ordinance

Leonard Fritz reported on the Otsego Lake Township Board's comments regarding the draft of the Fire Charges Ordinance. The Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission discussed the cost to the Township associated with sending fire trucks and personnel to car accidents. The costs are significantly higher than the \$250.00 set in the 1991 Ordinance. Chief Shelly reported to the Commission that the cost was \$810.00 based on 2005-06 data. For these reasons the Commission felt a \$750.00 charge for Fire Department calls to car accidents would be an appropriate figure.

Mr. Preniczky made a motion to recommend to the Otsego Lake Township Board that Section 2 of the Otsego Lake Township Fire Charges Ordinance 1991-02 be amended as follows:

Section 2: CHARGES

The following charges shall hereafter be due and payable to the Township from a recipient of any of the following enumerated services from the Township Fire Department:
There shall be a charge of:

- (A) \$750.00 for each Fire Department response within Otsego Lake Township involving an automobile, aircraft, train, truck, tractor, trailer, boat, motorcycle, or other type of vehicle or equipment not affixed to real estate or incorporated into a dwelling house. When a Fire Department call exceeds two hours, an additional charge of \$250.00 per hour (or part thereof) will be made;
- (B) A sum equal to the Township's cost of all foam or other, chemicals used by the Township Fire Department in containing, controlling or suppressing any; fire within Otsego Lake Township;
- (C) A sum equal to the Township's cost of hiring any private contractor and/or the contractor's equipment when the use of such contractor

and/or its equipment is reasonably necessary or desirable to contain, control or-suppress any fire and its consequences within Otsego Lake Township;

- (D) \$750.00 for each Fire Department response to the fourth and all subsequent false fire alarms at the same address or location within any calendar year, where such false fire alarms originate from mechanical and/or electronic fire alarm devices;
- (E) \$1000.00 for each response made by the Fire Department within Otsego Lake Township using the Jaws of Life.
- (F) Fire Department response within Otsego Lake Township involving hazardous materials will be billed by the Township under the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act.

Leonard Fritz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

- Planning Commission Reports to the Township Board

July 17, 2007 – Nora Corfis

August 16, 2007 – Margaret Black

September 20, 2007 – John Preniczky

The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be held 7:00 pm on August 2, 2007, at the Township Hall.

Chairperson Black adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

