

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
AUGUST 5, 2010**

Chairperson Stults called the meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with roll call.

Planning Commission members present: Erma Backenstose, Tim Baker, Margaret Black, Nora Corfis, Russell Gregg, Susan LaVanway, and Randy Stults

Members absent: none

A quorum was present.

Following roll call the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Public Hearings:**

There was no public hearing.

**Persons Requested by the Committee to Attend the Meeting:**

No one was requested to attend.

**Other Public Participation for Items on this Agenda:**

No member of the public was present.

**Housekeeping Business:**

The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be held September 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

**Public Comments, Communications Concerning Items on the Agenda and additions to the Agenda:**

Ms Corfis distributed copies of the power point presentation given at the MTA Evening Seminar, "Nine Golden Rules of Defensible Decision Making." Ms. Backenstose, Ms. Corfis, and Mr. Stults were in attendance, representing our Township at the July 14, 2010 seminar. A brief summary was given by those who were in attendance at the seminar.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Chairperson Stults asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated July 1, 2010. Margaret Black moved the minutes be accepted as printed. Tim Baker supported the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business and Reports:**

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities
  1. A special use permit was granted for the Reith-Riley mining operations (gravel pit) in Elmira Township. There were more than twenty conditions placed on the permit. Restorations are to be completed within the permitted period. The permit covers 25 acres of their 40 acre parcel. The balance of the 40 acres is to be restored before operations under this new special use permit begin.
  2. As of the July 2010 Otsego County Planning Commission meeting, the restoration plan submitted by Northern Processing did not include a recommendation from the Otsego Country Soil Conservation District and did not meet the conditions of their permit. Northern Processing has subsequently obtained the Soil Conservation District recommendation, and will be on the August agenda.
  3. Lake City Redi-Mix is off the Planning Commission agenda as they have not completed the purchase of their property.
  4. A travel trailer in the Sandy Beach Subdivision located in Bagley Township is being occupied in an RR zoning district. The trailer has been occupied on a seasonal basis for approximately the last thirty years. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Planning Commission however a final determination has not been made.
  5. The Otsego County Capitol Improvement Plan is on the county web site and will be on next month's agenda.
  6. The dumpster committee is close to providing a recommendation to the Planning Commission.
  
- Township Board Representative Report

Tim Baker updated the Commission regarding Township activities:

1. The Board heard the biannual audit report from Dan Smith, township auditor.
2. The fireworks permit for Thunder over Waters was approved by the Board.
3. The Township Board approved a land split on Dodge Lake Court.

4. Bids are being sought for construction a 16'x24' pavilion at the park.

Chairperson Stults stopped the Unfinished Business on the agenda at this point, and brought up the New Business before the Commission.

### **New Business:**

Chairperson Stults wished to remind the members of the Planning Commission of the Zoning Enabling Act requirement that the Planning Commission be established by a resolution of the Township Board. This must be completed by February 2011. Tim Baker will bring this matter before the Township Board at its next meeting.

After this business, the meeting returned to its original agenda and took up the Draft Interchange Zoning District language.

### **Unfinished Business and Reports:**

- Draft Interchange Zoning District Language

The Commission continues to clarify "Table I: Planting Buffer Yard" of Article 18 of the County Zoning Ordinance. The Commission found a great deal of ambiguity in the classifications used within the table, and decided it would be better to create a revised table using the zoning districts of the County Ordinance. Commission members were asked to come to the September Planning Commission meeting with their ideas for how the chart should be written.

Drafts of the "Highway Interchange Commercial District", "Permitted Uses Subject to Special Conditions", "Article 14 Schedule of Dimensions", and "Section 18.27 Parking" were also reviewed.

### **Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda:**

No member of the public was present.

Chairperson Stults adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary