

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 4, 2008**

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

Planning Commission members present: Erma Backenstose, Tim Baker, Margaret Black, Nora Corfis, Randy Stults, Dan Yale, Laura Boerema, and Russell Gregg

A quorum was present

No member of the public was present.

Ms. Black asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated November 6, 2008. Randy Stults moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Tim Baker supported the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Public Comments and Communications

Mr. Stults supplied the Commission with copies of Michigan Planning Enabling Act 33 of 2008 and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006.

Ms. Backenstose provided the Commission with background information on how the decriminalization of the County zoning ordinance has impacted the enforcement of the ordinance's blight section.

Information regarding upcoming training seminars given by NEMCOG was presented. Any member wishing to attend should contact the Township Clerk. The seminars include:

"Planning and Zoning Essentials," January 13, 2009, 1:00-5:00pm, Indian River, MI

"New Michigan Planning Enabling Act," February 19, 2009, 5:30-9:30 pm, Grayling, MI

"Grant Writing," March 25, 2009, 6:30-9:00pm, Mio, MI

Public Hearings:

There was no public hearing.

Other Business:

- Recognition and Remembrance of John Preniczky

Chairperson Black informed the Commission of the passing of John Preniczky. John was an active and valued member of the planning commission, as well as serving in the past as its Chairperson.

Tim Baker moved to recommend to the Township Board a resolution of appreciation for John Preniczky's years of service to Otsego Lake Township as a member of the Planning Commission. Dan Yale supported the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities

Mr. Stults reported on the activities of the County Planning Commission. Mr. David Drews, developer of Woodridge Condominium Development, was present at the November meeting to discuss the proposed modification of their site plan. This proposal would allow storage buildings in the shared area around a well site. The County Planning Commission determined that such a change would be considered a minor change, and the site plan review could be handled by the Land Use Services Director. Mr. Drews will not be adding additional lots as he had discussed at the September 2008 meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission.

- Year End Report

The Commission reviewed the draft of the Year End Report to the Township Board. Changes were made and the final report will be reviewed at the January 2009 meeting.

- Adjusting of By-Laws to meet New Planning Enabling Law

The Commission reviewed the proposed By-Laws revision prepared by Mr. Stults. Mr. Stults will present a final revision for review by the Commission at the January 2009 meeting.

- Recommendation for 2009 Planning Commission Members

Randy Stults moved to recommend to the Township Supervisor the appointment of Laura Boerema to fill the remainder of the term of John Preniczky which ends December 31, 2009. Tim Baker supported and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

Randy Stults moved to recommend to the Township Supervisor the reappointment of Erma Backenstose to a three-year term starting Jan 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011. Dan Yale supported the motion which passed unanimously by a voice vote.

- Planning Commission Reports to the Township Board

December 18, 2008 – Laura Boerema
January 22, 2009 –

The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

Chairperson Margaret Black adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kara Corpio".

Secretary