

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
December 4, 2009

Randy Stults, Chairperson, 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: Margaret Black, Laura Boerema, Nora Corfis, Russell Gregg, Susan LaVanway, and Randy Stults.

Absent: Erma Backenstose and Tim Baker

A quorum was present.

Following the roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Hearings:

There was no public hearing.

Persons Requested by the Commission to Attend the Meeting:

None

Housekeeping Business:

- Planning Commission Reports to the Board

December 17, 2009 – Margaret Black

January 21, 2010 – Randy Stults

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

Public Comments, Communications Concerning Items Not on the Agenda and Additions to the Agenda:

Joseph Ferrigan of Otsego County Land Use Services Department has requested the Commission's input on proposed text changes to Article 23 regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairperson Stults will add this to the January Agenda of the Planning Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Stults asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated November 5, 2009. Laura Boerema moved the minutes be accepted as printed. Susan LaVanway supported the motion which passed by a voice vote.

Unfinished Business and Reports:

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities

Randy Stults reported on the following County Planning Commission activities:

1. At its November 23, 2009 meeting, a public hearing was held on the capitol improvement plan. The capitol improvement plan was approved by the Planning Commission and sent to the Board of Commissioners.
2. A mining reclamation plan from Northern Processing has not been submitted to the Planning Commission.
3. The subcommittee on Article 23 of the Zoning Ordinance (Zoning Board of Appeals) submitted its recommendations to the Planning Commission.
4. Another subcommittee is working on text changes to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with Adult Foster Care, child care, and other similar services but which require different levels of care. The subcommittee is trying to reconcile the definitions of these services with the State Zoning Enabling Act.
5. The Wind Turbine Generator Committee has made its revisions to the proposed text changes of the Ordinance. They will be presented at the December 2009 County Planning Commission meeting. After this meeting, the revisions will be sent to the Townships for their input.
6. The proposed changing sign ordinance has been sent back to committee to incorporate public comments into its revisions.

- Township Board Representative Report

Tim Baker was not present to give his report. He was attending a NEMCOG seminar in Alpena.

- Reports from Planning Commission Members

Margaret Black informed the members that there would be a tree lighting ceremony and community potluck at the Fire Hall on December 5, 2009. There was also discussion among Commission members regarding

Township support of the County Zoning Department, and the possible options available to the Township.

- 2009 Annual Report to the Township Board

The report was reviewed by the Commission and corrections made. The revised report will be emailed to the members prior to their final review at the January 2010 meeting.

- Draft Interchange Zoning District Language

The Planning Commission continued its review of the “Principal Uses Permitted” section for the zoning district.

New Business:

There was no new business on the agenda.

Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda:

There was no public participation for items not on the agenda.

Chairperson Stults adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary