

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 5, 2009**

Randy Stults, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission to order at 7:02 pm. The meeting opened with roll call.

Planning Commission members present: Erma Backenstose, Laura Boerema, Nora Corfis, Russell Gregg, Susan LaVanway, and Randy Stults. Tim Baker joined the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Absent: Margaret Black

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 Township Board

November 19, 2009 – Nora Corfis

- The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be held December 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

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

There were no communications presented before the Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Stults asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated October 1, 2009. Russell Gregg 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:

At the October 21, 2009 Planning Commission meeting, a public hearing was held regarding proposed text changes to the wind turbine generator section of the Zoning Ordinance. Comments were heard, and the proposed changes returned to committee for revision.

A second public hearing was held regarding proposed text changes to the Zoning Ordinance allowing changing message signs. Comments were positive; however the Commission took no action at its October meeting.

The Planning Commission discussed a gravel pit whose reclamation plan is not adequate. The operator of Northern Processing is to appear at the November 23, 2009 meeting of the Planning Commission with a more complete reclamation plan.

A special meeting of the Otsego County Planning Commission will be held Thursday November 12, 2009, at 12:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Alpine Center. There will be a site plan review for a resort planned at Loon Lake Golf Course. A seven-building, townhouse development with a total of 27 units is planned.

- Township Board Representative Report

Trustee Tim Baker reported on the following Township activities:

1. Twigs and Blooms will install evergreen garland around the streetlights in Waters for the Holiday season.
2. The Fire Department will hold a fundraiser spaghetti supper at the Fire Hall on November 14.
3. The Township has hired Butcher and Associates to provide engineering services for the Fire Hall. They will be meeting to determine the scope of the project.
4. There was a public hearing on October 15, 2009, to approve the Township trash collection roll.

5. The Board has approved providing funds to the County for the operation of the Land Services Department for the upcoming year. The Township will undertake a study to determine if it should take the responsibility of providing its own Zoning Department after 2010.

- Reports from Planning Commission Members

There were no additional reports.

- Draft Interchange Zoning District Language

The Planning Commission continued work on the “Principal Uses Permitted” section for the zoning district.

New Business:

- 2009 Annual Report

The Planning Commission reviewed the past year’s activities. Ms. Corfis will prepare a draft of the report and email it to members before the December meeting of the Planning Commission.

Ms. Laura Boerema has decided not to serve another term on the Planning Commission. We thank her for her service.

Tim Baker moved to recommend to the Otsego Lake Township Board the appointment of Nora Corfis and Susan LaVanway to the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission, serving three-year terms beginning January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Russell Gregg supported and the motion passed by a voice vote.

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 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

