

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 1, 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: Erma Backenstose, Tim Baker, Margaret Black, Nora Corfis, Russell Gregg, Randy Stults, and Susan LaVanway

Absent: Laura Boerema

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

October 15, 2009 – Russell Gregg

- The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be held November 5, 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:

Tim Baker reported on the NEMCOG Non-Motorized Trails seminar. The difficulty in obtaining use of the railroad easement remains a major hurdle in developing trails in our area.

The Otsego Lake Township Parks and Recreation Committee submitted a revised "List of Recommendations for the Recreation Plan." Tim Baker apprised

the Planning Commission that he was cautiously optimistic about the grant application for public restrooms at the Park.

Erma Backenstose distributed MSUE Citizen Planner seminar applications to the Planning Commission. The topic is "Adaptive Reuse: Redevelopment Strategies to Generate Sustainable Growth."

Approval of Minutes:

Chairperson Stults asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated September 3, 2009. Susan LaVanway moved to accept the minutes as printed. Margaret Black supported the motion which passed unanimously by a voice-vote.

Unfinished Business and Reports:

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities

Randy Stults reported on the following Otsego County Planning Commission activities:

The site plan for a proposed 4-unit Site Condominium project on Hilltop Road was approved with conditions. The developers are required to obtain approval from the assessor and meet the requirements in the Site Condo Act.

The Planning Commission will hold public hearings for proposed text changes to the zoning ordinance regarding signs and wind turbine generators. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Alpine Center on October 19, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

- Township Board Representative Report

Trustee Tim Baker reported public hearings were held for Trash Collection and the Fire Department. A second hearing for trash collection will be held on October 15, 2009 at the Otsego Lake Township Hall at 7:00 pm.

A special meeting has been called for the selection of an architectural firm to provide a study for possible renovation or expansion of the Fire Hall. It will be held October 8, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Township Hall.

Otsego County has approached the Townships to increase their funding of the County Planning and Zoning Department. There is a \$70,000 shortfall the County would like the Townships to meet.

- Reports from Planning Commission Members

Erma Backenstose informed the Planning Committee the “Fallen Heroes Memorial” will be held 2:00 pm Sunday, October 4, 2009. She also attended the Otsego County Soil Conservation District Tour and found it very informative.

New Business:

- Draft Interchange Zoning District Language

The Planning Commission continued work on the language for an Interchange Zoning District. The work continued on the “Principal Uses Permitted” section. An updated copy of the progress made on this section will be distributed to the members prior to the next meeting.

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 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary