

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 3, 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, Laura Boerema, Nora Corfis, Russell Gregg, and Randy Stults. Margaret Black and Susan LaVanway joined the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Absent: none

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

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- The next meeting of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission will be held October 1, 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 August 6, 2009. Tim Baker moved the minutes be accepted as printed. Laura Boerema 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:

Jeff Radcliff of Otsego County Economic Alliance requested and received a resolution of support for the TIGER Discretionary Grant Funding. He also discussed the possibility of rezoning to B-3 the Carter Lumber property to permit a retail and metal fabricating business at the site. The Commission decided to retain the present a B-2 classification.

Colleen Jozwiak (represented by attorney) requested the Planning Commission require Matelski Gravel to submit a new reclamation plan for the property. She felt the previous plan submitted 5 years ago was not adequate. The Commission did not take any action at this time.

The County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on September 21, 2009 for a site plan review of a proposed (4) unit Site Condominium project on Hilltop road. The meeting will be 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose room at the Alpine Center.

- Township Board Representative Report

Trustee Tim Baker reported that proposals for the Township trash collection were received and opened at the August 20, 2009, Board meeting. American Waste of Kalkaska was awarded the five-year contract for Township-wide trash pick-up. Proposals for architectural services for the fire hall were also received, and there will be a special meeting September 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm to discuss them.

Trustee Baker also reported that there were discussions at the August Board meeting in regards to future improvements of the Township web site. The Township Board also granted approval for the Planning Commission to draft language for a proposed freeway interchange zoning district.

- Reports from Planning Commission Members

Erma Backenstose updated the Commission members about recycling efforts by Otsego County, and case loads within the Zoning Department. There are presently 90 open cases/violations within Otsego Lake Township. Margaret Black reported on the upcoming Thunder Over Waters festival. Randy Stults commented the County Road Commission has not been receiving complaints over signs in the county road right of way.

New Business:

The Planning Commission began work on drafting language for an Interchange Zoning District. The "Intent" and "Principal Uses Permitted" sections were reviewed and discussed. A working copy of the progress made on these sections 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 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary