

Otsego County Planning Commission 2014 Annual Report to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners

This report is submitted as required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3819 (2).

125.3819 Bylaws; adoption; public record requirements; annual report by planning commission.

Sec. 19. (1) A planning commission shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business, and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations.

(2) A planning commission shall make an annual written report to the legislative body concerning its operations and the status of planning activities, including recommendations regarding actions by the legislative body related to planning and development.

2014 Planning Commission Cases

- March:** Special Use Permit PSUP14-001 John and Dalores Burau request for a professional office building for financial services in a R2/General Residential Zoning District.
- April:** HX/Highway Interchange District Zoning Map/Otsego Lake Township A revised map presented for recommendation after public input.
- June:** Special Use Permit PSUP14-002 Eland Corporation represented by Seidell Architects request for a propane sale and storage yard with a sales office located in a B3/Business, Light Manufacturing Zoning District.
- July:** Revised definition of 'Service Roads' to Article 2/Section 2.2 Definitions and Article 20/Section 20.2.6 Definitions.
- October:** Special Use Permit/PSUP14-003 C&W Consultants in cooperation with the Otsego County Road Commission (property owners) request to locate a three hundred foot (300') Verizon Wireless lattice tower and equipment shelter in a FR/Forest Recreation Zoning District and Special Use Permit/PSUP13-001 Earthworks Enterprises Inc/Mike and Jackie Mason request to continue an expired mining operation in an AR/Agricultural Resource and FR/Forest Recreation Zoning District.
- November:** Conditional Rezone/PREZ14-001 Wolverine Power Cooperative request for a rezone of four (4) optioned parcels in Elmira Township from AR/Agricultural Resource and B2/General Business Zoning Districts to a B3/Business, Light Manufacturing Zoning District for the operation of a proposed power plant.
- December:** Special Use Permit/PSUP14-004 Wolverine Power Cooperative request for the operation of a gas-turbine power plant and substation on four (4) optioned parcels in Elmira Township in the conditionally rezoned B3/Business, Light Manufacturing Zoning District.

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Other Activities

January: The Master Plan Committee recommended updating the statistics and adding a Transportation Plan to the current Master Plan. Objective list updated and presented to Planning Commission members and the 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Plan recommended to the Board of Commissioners.

March: Master Plan Committee members met with Tom Deans, Otsego County Road Commission for assistance and additional information in updating the Transportation Plan. A revision to the definition of 'service roads' to be re-sent to Townships for input.

May: Funding sought to allow NEMCOG (North East Michigan Council of Government) to update text and statistics of the Master Plan and the HX/Highway Interchange Zoning District recommended to the Board of Commissioners.

June: Joint meeting held with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

July: Presentation by Dana Bensinger, Executive Director of the Otego County Community Foundation.

September: Plaque presented to Mr. Stults for his years of service. A proposed amendment to Article 7/RR/Recreation Residential Section 7.2.3 and amended setbacks in the AR/Agricultural Resource and Fr/Forest Recreation Zoning Districts sent out for input. The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan recommended to the Board of Commissioners.

October: Revised Master Plan presented with text additions/deletions, statistic updates and additional maps included to be sent out for input.

December: Master Plan amended to include the addition of the new power plant before being sent out for input.

The Planning Commission sets priorities with an Objective List of Zoning Ordinance sections for review and revision along with items from the Otsego County Master Plan for implementation to guide the Planning Commission and staff in activities. Ordinance revision and development recommendations are made to the Board of Commissioners as developed throughout the year.

Attendance Record of Planning Commission Meetings

ATTENDANCE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014

Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
K. Arndt	X	--	A	X	X	X	X	--	X	A	X	X
K. Borton	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	A	X	X	X
W. Brown	A	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X
P. Hartmann	X	--	A	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X
G. Hendershot	X	--	A	A	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X
J. Hilgendorf	X	--	X	X	A	X	A	--	A	X	X	X
J. Jarecki	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	X	X
C. Klee	X	--	A	X	A	X	X	--	X	X	X	X
M. Mang	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	A	X
F. Nowak	X	--	X	X	X	X	X	--	X	X	A	X
R. Stults	X	--	X	X	X	A	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
N. Corfis	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	X	--	X	X	X	X

X = Attended
A = Absent
-- = Meeting canceled
NA=Not Applicable

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Member Training

Members attended training at Boyne Mountain Resort for a Michigan Inland Lakes Convention and the University Center in Gaylord this year pertaining to the assessment of County and Township *Master Plans* and the health of our water resources.

Planning Commission Members

The Planning Commission Members as of January 1, 2014 are:

Ken Arndt:	Term expires: 12.31.2014 (<i>Secretary</i>)
Ken Borton:	Board of Commissioner Representative
Willard Brown:	Term expires: 12.31.2016
Paul Hartmann:	Term expires: 12.31.2015 (<i>Chairperson</i>)
Gary Hendershot:	Term expires: 12.31.2016
Jim Hilgendorf:	Term expires: 08.25.2015 (<i>School District Representative</i>)
Judith Jarecki:	Term expires: 12.31.2015 (<i>Vice Chairperson</i>)
Charles Klee:	Term expires: 12.31.2014
Mike Mang:	Term expires: 12.31.2015
Frances Nowak:	Term expires: 12.31.2014
Nora Corfis:	Term expires: 12.31.2016 (<i>Otsego Lake Twp replacement/July 21, 2014</i>)
Randy Stults:	<i>Resigned June 16, 2014</i>

Respectfully submitted,

OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION