

OTSEGO COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes of the July 28, 2009 regular meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Vice Chairman Stults

MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Stults, Dan Wagar, Phil Alexander, Kevin Sagasser

MEMBERS ABSENT: Duane Hoffman, Christa Bono

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Ferrigan, Director Otsego County Land Use Services; Sharon Bolinger, Recording Secretary; and Allen West, Enforcement Officer

Moved by Mr. Wagar and seconded by Mr. Alexander to approve as corrected the minutes of the 01-27-09 meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Zoning Board of Appeals By-laws:

The members of the Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed the proposed By-laws and made some minor changes to bring the proposed By-laws into compliance with the Zoning Enabling Act. Changes included additions regarding Ex Parte contact, removal of ZBA members, duties of the secretary, limiting meetings to two hours, conflict of interest, and meeting minutes. Modifications were also made to the meeting start time, roll call votes, and definition of a quorum. The option to have alternate members will be addressed after Article 23 of the Zoning Ordinance is revised.

Proposal to amend the Bylaws was made by Mr. Wagar and seconded by Mr. Alexander. Final vote requires a two-thirds majority vote of the ZBA and must be held over until the next regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Article 23 of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance:

The Zoning Board of Appeals members reviewed the proposed changes and made suggestions that will be forwarded to the Otsego County Planning Commission

2. Election of officers:

Mr. Wagar nominated Mr. Hoffman for the position of Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Alexander. Nominations were closed and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alexander nominated Mr. Wagar for the position of Vice Chairman. Seconded by Mr. Sagasser. Nominations were closed and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wagar nominated Mr. Alexander for the position of Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Sagasser. Nominations were closed and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

Reports: Joe Ferrigan, Land Use Services Director gave an update on current Land Use Services activities and asked the ZBA for input on Section 18.33 Recreational Equipment or Trailer.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter of resignation from Randall Rothe was sent by email to members of the ZBA on July 10, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:52pm

Sharon Bolinger
Recording Secretary