

# Otsego County Planning Commission

Approved Minutes for December 21, 2015

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chairperson Hartmann, Vice-Chairperson Jarecki, Secretary Arndt, Mr. Hilgendorf, *Mr. Brown, Mr. Hendershot*, Mr. Mang, Ms. Corfis

Absent: *Mr. Borton*, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Klee

Staff Present: Mr. Schlaud, Ms. Boyak-Wohlfeil

Public Present: Joshua Clark, Tim Maylone, Cherry Capital Connection, Roberta Tholl, Randy Stults

**Approval of minutes from:** November 16, 2015

Motion made to approve minutes as written by Mr. Hilgendorf; Seconded by Mr. Arndt.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Other:** None

**Public participation for items not on the agenda:** None

**Public Hearing: *POSTPONED***

1. *John & Mary Brink, owners represented by Blumberg & Blumberg PLC have requested a Special Use Permit/Site Plan Review for property located in Corwith Township:*

*042-027-400-025-00*

*Old 27 North*

*Vanderbilt, MI 49795*

*042-027-400-030-00*

*7297 Old 27 North*

*Vanderbilt, MI 49795*

*Property located in a B2/General Business Zoning District*

*PZSU15-010- proposed use of the property is to construct a 20'x200' storage building containing 20 storage units*

**Advertised Case: *POSTPONED***

Mr. Schlaud stated the applicant had postponed the hearing to update information submitted.

**New Business:**

1. Reappointment of PC member to ZBA

Chairperson Hartmann requested a volunteer as Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals stating Mr. Mang, the current representative was leaving.

Mr. Brown stated he would volunteer for the position.

# Otsego County Planning Commission

---

Approved Minutes for December 21, 2015

Motion by Mr. Hartmann to recommend to the Board of Commissioners the appointment of Willard Brown as Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Seconded by Mr. Hendershot.

Motion approved unanimously.

## 2. Proposed language *Personal Wireless Communications*

Chairperson Hartmann stated the volunteer committee had met and put together the proposed language included in the meeting packet. Discussion ensued concerning the size of the leased property involved, the different zoning districts and other related sections in the Zoning Ordinance. The committee will meet again and continue to work on the language.

## 3. 2016 Meeting Dates

The 2016 schedule of Planning Commission meeting dates were distributed to the members and also added to the website.

### **Unfinished Commission Business:**

#### 1. PREZ15-001-*Cottontails Inc* *Township response*

Mr. Arndt stated Bagley Township had heard the rezone case again and after discussion between members and neighboring property owners, the rezone was recommended to the Otsego County Planning Commission with the conditions of a buffer zone between zoning districts and limiting the access road to the property.

Mr. Schlaud stated the applicant did not want to move forward with the rezone at this time.

## 2. 2016 Objective List

Chairperson Hartmann read aloud the Objective List for 2016.

Motion by Mr. Arndt to approve the 2016 Objective List; Seconded by Mrs. Jarecki.

Motion approved unanimously.

### **Reports and Commission Member's Comments:**

#### 1. Otsego County Parks & Recreation report

Vice-Chairperson Jarecki stated a Parks & Recreation Director had not been hired yet but interviews were scheduled for January. The American Regional Tennis Association expressed concern over the conditions of the tennis courts at the Community Center and John Burt was looking into updating them. They are considering changing the orientation of the courts to east and west instead of the current layout. The Association is very active and interested in growing the sport; tennis is gaining popularity. The Community Center will be rented by the North Central Academy for basketball practice two days a week in January and February and a men's basketball league is being discussed. A large class reunion is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> (classes 1977-1983) at the Otsego County Park; they estimate eight hundred people will be attending and a new park trail ranger for the Groen Nature Preserve has been hired so hours can be extended.

# Otsego County Planning Commission

---

Approved Minutes for December 21, 2015

Mr. Mang stated he was working with Livingston Township together with the Historical Society for information to install of a large colorful quality sign to represent the history of the area along the North Central State Trail. He stated it was a long process and they were looking into grant money. He thanked the Planning Commission for all that they do and spoke highly of Roberta Tholl as his replacement.

Chairperson Hartmann welcomed Roberta Tholl as the new representative for Livingston Township.

Vice-Chairperson Jarecki stated Corwith Township continued work on the Gateway Community and Trail Town and they had received \$50,000 from Otsego County to match grant monies and an additional \$5,000 for engineer costs.

Mr. Schlaud stated the architects in the area were busy so Land Use was preparing for a productive year; there were requests for special use permits also. He announced in addition to Mr. Brown joining the ZBA, Mike Colosimo had been appointed as member. He was a former member of the Planning Commission so he was familiar with the process.

The Planning Commission thanked Mr. Mang for his years of service and wished him well.

2. Ten Guidelines for Effective Local Zoning/Zoning Training

**Adjournment:** 7:26pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Ken Arndt; Secretary

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil; Recording Secretary