

# Otsego County Planning Commission

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Approved Minutes for July 21, 2014

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

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:**

Present: Chairperson Hartmann, Vice-Chairperson Jarecki, Mr. Borton, Mr. Arndt, Mr. Brown, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Klee, Mr. Hendershot, Mr. Mang

Absent: Mr. Hilgendorf (*excused*)

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

Public Present: Dana Bensinger

Chairperson Hartmann introduced Nora Corfis as representative of Otsego Lake Township and welcomed her to the Planning Commission.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Approval of minutes from:** June 16, 2014

Motion made to approve minutes by Mr. Brown; Seconded by Mr. Hendershot.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Other:** Dana Bensinger, Executive Director/Otsego County Community Foundation-presentation

Chairperson Hartmann introduced Dana Bensinger, executive director of the Otsego County Community Foundation and good friend.

Mrs. Bensinger stated she's held the position of executive director for the past three (3) years. The Foundation concept, to invest monies from local philanthropists to give back to the community, began a hundred (100) years ago and was a vision of Frederick Goff, an attorney and banker in the Cleveland area.

The Otsego County Community Foundation is twenty (20) years old and was associated with the Grand Traverse Regional Foundation until 2002 when it became independent. The monies for the Foundation come from local philanthropy wanting to donate for a specific fund or wish (e.g., scholarship, groups, cause...) or contribute to an existing fund to be distributed to local nonprofit organizations.

The Foundation currently has assets of \$3.3 million and has awarded \$135,103 in grants throughout the County in 2014. They have awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to eighteen (18) students and have received \$124,468 in contributions this year. The Foundation is nationally accredited and tries to meet the ever changing needs of the County.

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

**Unfinished applicant business:** None

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## Public Hearing:

**Article 2/Section 2.2 Definitions, Article 20/Section 20.2.6 Definitions**  
*The proposed revision of the definition of a 'service road' to the sections of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance listed above.*

Revised definition:

*Service Roads—Local roads that parallel an expressway or through street and that provide access to property near the expressway or through street*

Public Hearing: Open: 6:31 pm

Public Hearing: Closed: 6:31 pm

## New Business:

**Article 2/Section 2.2 Definitions, Article 20/Section 20.2.6 Definitions**  
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Revised definition:

*Service Roads—Local roads that parallel an expressway or through street and that provide access to property near the expressway or through street*

Motion made by Mr. Mang to recommend the revised definition of 'service roads' to the Board of Commissioners; Seconded by Mrs. Jarecki.

Motion approved unanimously.

## Unfinished Commission Business:

1. Master Plan review

Mr. Schlaud stated he had received an updated version of the Master Plan from Rick Duell at NEMCOG and a meeting was scheduled to review it Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in the Land Use meeting room with the available members of the Master Plan Committee.

2. Otsego County Parks & Recreation report

Chairperson Hartmann stated Vice Chairperson Jarecki had volunteered for the position of representative to the Otsego County Parks & Recreation Committee.

Vice Chairperson Jarecki stated she attended her first meeting and reported the cabins at the County Park were a welcome addition and were already being reserved for next year. The fireworks were a success; a platform had been built to launch them from and the Committee had received notice from Charlevoix County their County Park would become non-smoking.

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She stated the floor at the Community Center had been replaced but the engineer had not discovered the source of the problem. It was unsure if the cracks in the tennis courts were related but they would also be repaired.

### 3. 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Committee

Chairperson Hartmann stated Mr. Brown had volunteered to fill the open position on the 2014-2019 Capital Improvement Committee and a meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Land Use meeting room.

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

1. Sample Checklist to Guide Decisions on PUD's/Zoning Training

**Adjournment:** 6:50 pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil, Recording Secretary