

Otsego County Planning Commission

APPROVED Minutes for March 18, 2013/Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Stults, Vice Chairperson Arndt, Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Brown, Ms. Nowak, Mrs. Jarecki, Mr. Klee, Mr. Mang

Absent: Secretary Borton, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Hendershot

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

Others Present: Phil Alexander, Project Manager/Otsego County Quality of Life Assessment Advisory Committee

Public Present: Steven Verduce

Approval of minutes from January 21, 2013:

Chairperson Stults requested the addition of a title after Mr. Schlaud's name on page three (3) under *Reports and Commission Member's Comments* and also changing, *...Chairperson Stults stated with the ~~amount~~ of conditions...* to *...with the **number** of conditions...* at the bottom of page one (1).

Motion made to approve minutes as corrected by Mr. Hilgendorf; Seconded by Mr. Klee.

Motion approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Other: Phil Alexander *Quality of Life Assessment Presentation*

Mr. Alexander explained the compilation of the survey results assessed the progress of the quality of life in Otsego County and showed which areas were lacking. It is a tool in determining how our community can continue to be a desired place to live. He stated the *Assessment* was in color on the *Otsego Community Connection* website at www.otsego.org and was much easier to read.

Public participation for items not on the agenda: None

Public Hearing:

AR/Agricultural Resource, FR/Forest Recreation Zoning Districts/Setback Change

Proposed changes to setbacks in the AR/Agricultural and FR/Forest Recreation zoning districts to reflect the same setbacks as in the Residential zoning districts.

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Advertised Cases:

AR/Agricultural Resource, FR/Forest Recreation Zoning Districts/Setback Change

Proposed Changes to the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance concerning setbacks in the AR/FR Zoning Districts (*Listed above*)

Chairperson Stults stated the Township responses showed Charlton and Chester Townships were in favor of the proposed changes to the setbacks in the AR/FR zoning districts and Corwith, Livingston and Otsego Lake recommended they remain the same. After discussion, Mr. Mang made the following motion:

Motion made by Mr. Mang *not to recommend* to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners the proposed changes to setbacks in the AR/Agricultural Resource and FR/Forest Recreation zoning districts; Seconded by Ms. Nowak.

Roll call vote: Chairperson Stults: yes, Vice Chairperson Arndt: no, Mr. Hilgendorf: no, Mr. Brown: no, Ms. Nowak: no, Mrs. Jarecki: yes, Mr. Klee: no, Mr. Mang: yes.

Yes vote: 3

No vote: 5

Motion fails, 3-5.

Chairperson Stults requested another motion be presented for a vote.

Motion made by Mr. Brown *to recommend* to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners the proposed changes to setbacks in the AR/Agricultural Resource and FR/Forest Recreation zoning districts reflect the same as in the Residential districts; Seconded by Mr. Hilgendorf.

Roll call vote: Mr. Mang: no, Mr. Klee: yes, Mrs. Jarecki: no, Ms. Nowak: yes, Mr. Brown: yes, Mr. Hilgendorf: yes, Vice Chairperson Arndt: yes, Chairperson Stults: no.

Yes vote: 5

No vote: 3

Motion passes, 5-3. Proposed setback changes recommended to Otsego County Board of Commissioners.

Unfinished Commission Business:

1. Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners on Section 18.25/Mining/Feedback on language concerning an 'irrevocable letter of credit'.

Motion made by Mr. Mang to recommend to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners proposed language concerning an 'irrevocable letter of credit' in Section 18.25/Mining; Seconded by Ms. Nowak.

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Staff recommendations/Article 24 Township Participation/Time limit response concerning Wireless Communications/Zoning Enabling Act change, May 2012/Seeking approval to forward to Townships

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After recommendations from the County attorney to address other sections in the Zoning Ordinance concerning wireless communications, Mr. Schlaud and Mr. Mang will construct proposed language for Section 18.46/Wireless Communications to reflect Public Act 143 of 2012, amending the Michigan Enabling Act.

3. Discussion on Otsego County Zoning Ordinance Changes: Numbering issues/Outdated references/Section Additions/Grammatical errors.../Seeking approval to forward to Townships

Chairperson Stults requested the proposed changes to the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance be sent to Townships for comment; Members in agreement.

4. Highway Interchange District/Seeking approval to forward to Townships
 - a. Otsego Lake Township letter recommending addition to zoning districts

The Planning Commission members agreed to send the addition of the Highway Interchange District to Townships for input, also.

New Business:

1. 2012 Planning Commission Annual Report

Chairperson Stults stated the Otsego County Board of Commissioners had approved the 2012 Planning Commission Annual Report.

Reports and Commission Member's Comments:

Mr. Schlaud reported the next Planning Commission meeting will be held in the new Land Use Services location at 1322 Hayes Road, Gaylord, Michigan. The department will be moving the week of April 8th.

Chairperson Stults stated the final rezoning issue with Michaywe's boundaries had been sent to Bagley Township for their input and the lengthy process would soon be concluded.

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil, Recording Secretary

Ken Borton, Planning Commission Secretary