

Otsego County Planning Commission

Corrected Minutes for August 19, 2013

Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Chairperson Stults

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Hendershot

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

Public Present: Nora Corfis

Consent Agenda: None

Approval of minutes from June 17, 2013:

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

Motion approved unanimously.

Other: None

Public participation for items not on the agenda: None

Unfinished applicant business: None

Public Hearing:

Otsego County Capital Improvement Plan 2014-2019

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| Public Hearing Open: | 6:06 pm |
| Public Hearing Closed: | 6:07 pm |

Advertised Cases:

Otsego County Capital Improvement Plan 2014-2019

Chairperson Stults asked if there were any questions or comments concerning this year's Capital Improvement Plan.

Mr. Mang questioned the data pertaining to the proposed jail stating this year's statistics were the same as last year's plan. He had spoken to a member of the Jail Advisory Committee and ~~he~~ 'this member' felt the work program's implementation was showing success and there was possible room for expansion in the program. ~~He~~ 'This member' also said the Criminal Justice Master Plan had not been reviewed in several years and was scheduled to be looked at this coming winter by John Burt, Otsego County Administrator and members of this committee. Mr. Mang stated he was passing on this

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member's views and suggested the Planning Commission hold off on an urgent recommendation of the jail until this 'review' occurred.

Mr. Brown arrived 6:10 pm.

Ms. Nowak stated she felt the projects contained in the Capital Improvement Plan were just estimated costs and when a project was ready to move forward, exact costs would be provided. She also stated the jail project was tentative and it was possible to push it back to a later date if needed.

Vice Chairperson Arndt said he also heard comments on the success of the programs but there was another level of crime that *could not* be included in the Work Camp or Drug Court program and criminals were still being released because of inadequate jail space.

Mrs. Jarecki pointed out the priority level of the jail had been changed in the back of the Plan from *'urgent'* to *'important'*.

Mr. Mang commented on the data received from the County be double-checked for accuracy and said priority levels were hard to determine with old data.

Vice Chairperson Arndt suggested the County include a total amount and a length of time, along with the mills so people could have a better idea of the costs.

Mr. Brown questioned the importance of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Chairperson Stults stated before any project could possibly move forward, it must be incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan. Chairperson Stults also stated when funding is available for a certain project and is allocated for that project only, the County uses the funds to move forward regardless of the priority level in the Capital Improvement Plan. He suggested the Capital Improvement Committee reconvene to discuss the plan further concerning the following:

1. Further research on the Otsego County Jail
2. Update data in appendix for consistency

Mr. Brown questioned the removal of repairs to Meridian Line Road from the Plan.

Chairperson Stults stated he did not know for sure but Charlton Township's board should check with the Road Commission because there could be a number of reasons.

Mrs. Jarecki commented they had an issue within Corwith Township concerning contributions from the Federal Government and maybe the Road Commission might not have the monies either.

Mr. Hartmann made the following motion; Seconded by Mr. Brown:

I move the Capital Improvement Plan 2014-2019 be referred back to the Capital Improvement Committee for additional information and research and be tabled until next month's meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

Unfinished Commission Business:

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The Planning Commission requested Mr. Schlaud address the definitions of 'service drives' and 'service roads' as an addition to Article 2/Definitions.

Mr. Schlaud presented the following addition to the *Definition* section of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance and as reference in the *Highway Interchange District* section when recommended to the Board of Commissioners.

SERVICE ROAD:

A local road that parallels an expressway or through street and that provides access to property near the expressway.

Mr. Schlaud stated he could not find a definition for 'service drive' but felt the definition for 'service road' was the appropriate definition as it described the use.

Chairperson Stults suggested the Planning Commission review the definition for the next meeting stating a public hearing for the Highway Interchange District would be on the agenda.

Vice Chairperson Arndt asked when he could bring Bagley Township's recommendations for parking for review and Chairperson Stults stated he could submit it any time prior to setting the agenda.

New Business: None

Reports and Commission Member's Comments:

1. Elections will be held at September's meeting.

Chairperson Stults stated elections would take place at the next Planning Commission meeting in September and he would not be considered for candidacy 'as chairperson'.

He also stated the Chairperson for the Planning Commission would sit on the Otsego County Parks & Recreation Committee. The Committee was responsible for the Groen Nature Preserve, the Otsego County Park, the Community Center, Wah Wah Soo swimming area, Irontone Springs along with 'Libke' Mystic Fields out by the airport.

Mrs. Jarecki stated Corwith Township's work on their Parks and Recreation Plan was progressing.

Adjournment: 7:15 pm by Chairperson Stults

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil, Recording Secretary

Ken Borton, Planning Commission Secretary