

Otsego County Planning Commission

Approved Minutes for December 19, 2016

Call to Order: 6:00pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Hartmann, Vice Chairperson Jarecki, Secretary Arndt, Mr. Borton, Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Brown, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Klee, Mr. Caverson, Ms. Corfis

Absent: Mr. Bauman

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

Public Present: Ken Bradstreet, Wolverine Power representative, Joe Hughes, Wolverine Power representative, Bob & Sue Kenny, Gloria Torello, John Arevalo

Approval of minutes from: November 21, 2016

Motion made to approve minutes as presented by Mr. Brown; Seconded by Mr. Caverson

Motion approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Other:

Ken Bradstreet, Wolverine Power representative, stated the final sound testing had been completed on December 6th and the results issued and delivered to Land Use Services December 9th. The report had been prepared by David Hessler of Hessler Associates Inc, a very reputable company in the field of sound studies and acoustical testing as they were authors of the ANSI sound standards. Tests were conducted at four hundred feet (400') and fifteen hundred (1500') and the results of those tests fell below the stipulated measurements attached to the Special Use Permit. The results were actual measurements, not an average, and were done before the construction of the building insulating the gas valve intake was complete.

Joe Hughes, Wolverine Power representative, presented pictures of the Alpine Plant for perspective of improvements. He indicated the area enclosed previously and stated mufflers would be added in the near future to help deaden the sound further. He continued the Plant had recently slowed down production but could possibly pick up with the season. They were not aware of a specific start up time in advance; the Plant was fired up when MISO instructed them to do so.

Bob Kenny questioned the tree line behind his property, stating the land had been logged.

Mr. Hughes stated the trees in question were not on Wolverine property.

Gloria Torella questioned when the tree planting would take place.

Mr. Hughes stated they would begin their plan in the spring.

Ms. Torella questioned the point of contact should there be any other complaints.

Mr. Hughes stated he was the contact for Wolverine Power for any future complaints.

Mr. Schlaud stated he could be contacted as well.

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Public participation for items not on the agenda: None

Public Hearing: None

Advertised Case: None

Unfinished Commission Business:

1. 2017 Objective List

Chairperson Hartmann stated the Executive Committee had met December 12th to discuss and prioritize the 2017 Objective List. A committee of Mr. Caverson, Mr. Hartmann and Land Use was formed to review Article 23/Site Plan Review and the committee to review Section 21.26/Non Conformities (Mr. Arndt, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Hilgendorf, and Mr. Klee) was reconfirmed and encouraged to set a date to meet for review. The committee to review Section 21.38/Signs and Billboards (Mr. Arndt, Ms. Corfis, and Mr. Hartmann) set a date to meet January 10, 2017 9:00am at Land Use Services. There was discussion over items number five (5) Large Tract Forestry and six (6) Overlay District Pigeon River Zoning; legal counsel will be sought.

Chairperson Hartmann requested a motion for the objective list.

Motion made by Mr. Arndt to approve the 2017 Objective List as presented; Seconded by Mrs. Jarecki

Motion approved unanimously.

New Business:

1. 2017 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for 2017 were presented and motion for approval was requested by Chairperson Hartmann.

Motion made by Mr. Brown to approve the 2017 Meeting Dates; Seconded by Ms. Nowak

Motion approved unanimously.

2. Tall Structure Permit/7730 Allen Rd –Verizon Tower

Discussion ensued concerning the three hundred foot (300') Verizon Tower constructed on Allen Rd and Camp Grayling's airspace. Land Use produced copies of the FAA approval for the site; any future issues would be between the state and the military.

Reports and Commission Member's Comments:

1. Otsego County Parks & Recreation report

Mrs. Jarecki, Otsego County Parks and Recreation Committee representative, stated the Co-ed Volleyball Leagues we under way and Bear Basketball had concluded at the Community Center; larger cabins would be purchased for the County Park and the smaller ones would be moved to another location; the foundations would be upgraded to eliminate the skunk issue experienced this past summer; the agreement with Wah Wah Soo was being resolved and the fence would be installed on the County property.

Ms. Corfis stated Otsego Lake Township had approved their Master Plan and the final copy would be distributed.

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Mr. Hilgendorf stated the University Center was completely dissolved; Kirkland was now in charge of operations.

Mrs. Jarecki stated Corwith Township had received the grant monies applied for.

Mr. Arndt stated Bagley Township would be hearing the rezone case that had been sent to them this month; the December Board of Review had been held with the new supervisor and everything went well.

Mr. Arndt questioned Mr. Borton concerning Bagley's contribution to the new trail,

Mr. Borton stated Bagley requested time to review the public's concerns; they will be holding a public hearing at Bagley Township Hall on January 4th at 7:00pm; the issue will be voted on January 9th. He also stated Judge Mertz would be moving his office to the County Courthouse building located on the second floor; the Otsego County Bus system was experiencing financial difficulty because of state funding and were loaned monies from the County; the riding fees would be increased from \$3.00 to \$4.00 in January and finally the ice tree would be up and functioning soon; it was being repaired and was having lights installed to illuminate it from within.

2. Signage - Michigan Billboard Cases/Zoning Information

Chairperson Hartmann adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment: 7:05pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Ken Arndt; Secretary

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil; Recording Secretary