

OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from Special meeting held August 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. Call to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Stults, Vice Chairman Arndt, Ms. Backenstose, Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Colosimo, Mr. Borton

Members Excused: Mrs. Jarecki, Mr. Ernst, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Klee, Mr. Mang

Chairman Stults asked to let the record show that there is a quorum & the meeting can proceed.

Others Present: Joe Ferrigan, John Burt, Arnie Morse, Bill Michaels

Public present: None

John Burt made a presentation to the members regarding the proposed paving of a parking lot that Otsego County owns. This is a piece of property that was formerly an apartment complex that had a fire last winter and was completely destroyed; the County obtained the property because it borders an existing parking lot that the County Owns.

There was discussion among board members regarding the proposed project

The members approved the following finding of fact regarding the proposed paving project

1. That this is County Owned Property.
2. That there was no objection from the City.
3. That parking is needed in this area of Downtown.
4. That paved parking is the preferred paving material.
5. That there is no additional ingress or egress being created.
6. That funding is available from the Capitol Improvement fund.

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7. The county will be preserving the 100 yr old lilac tree.

Mr. Hilgendorf: A motion to approve the proposed parking lot paving project located at 222 S. Court St. Gaylord MI.

Mr. Arndt: Support

Motion carried unanimously

Bill Michaels was recognized by Chairman Stults as the representative of the Otsego County Sports-Plex.

Bill Michaels: The proposed project is a 48'-0" x 100'- 0" addition to the existing Sports-Plex building, it will basically be two big room with a hallway in between them. The Sports-Plex has the funding for the project. This addition will allow the Sports-Plex to host bigger swimming events and also allow us to have some three on three soccer events.

There was discussion among the board members regarding the proposed project

The members approved the following finding of fact regarding the proposed Otsego County Sports-Plex addition.

1. That this is county owned property and the new building will be owned by Otsego County.
2. That the property is located within the City limits of Gaylord.
3. That the proposed addition is 48'-0" x 100'-0"
4. That the addition will support additional multi-purpose sports opportunities not currently available within Otsego County.
5. That it will allow the current Sports-Plex utilization to be enhanced.
6. That funding for the project is already in place.
7. That it will generate additional revenue with very little expenditure.
8. That there are no conflicts with the current zoning.
9. That the proposed project complies with the Otsego County Master Plan.

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Mr. Borton: A motion to approve the proposed addition to the Otsego County Sports-Plex as presented.

Mr. Hilgendorf: Support

Motion carried unanimously

There were no reports

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.