

Otsego County Planning Commission

Approved Minutes for June 19, 2017

Call to Order: 6:00pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Hartmann, Secretary Arndt, Ms. Nowak, Mr. Klee, Mr. Caverson, Mr. Bauman, Ms. Corfis

Absent: Mrs. Jarecki, Mr. Borton, Mr. Hilgendorf, Mr. Brown

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

Public Present: Ken Bradstreet, Wolverine Power representative, Jan Norton

Approval of minutes from: April 17, 2017

Motion made to approve minutes by Mr. Bauman; Seconded by Ms. Corfis

Motion approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Other: None

Public participation for items not on the agenda:

Ms. Nowak introduced Jan Norton as her replacement on the Otsego County Planning Commission. Ms. Norton had been appointed by Chester Township but Ms. Nowak was unsure as to the date that would take effect because her term did not expire until December 31, 2017.

Chairperson Hartmann introduced Ken Bradstreet, Wolverine Power representative.

Mr. Bradstreet stated Wolverine Power had completed installation of the mufflers that had been put in place to help control the sound of the gas purging upon start up and shut down of the Alpine Power Plant. They have made a big improvement on the noise levels and Wolverine continued to strive to keep their neighbors happy. He stated the generators had been running more than anticipated but was unsure why as they are instructed by MISO when to run without reasons given.

Chairperson Hartmann thanked him for his update.

Public Hearing: None

Advertised Case: None

Unfinished Commission Business:

1. Section 23 Site Plan Review/Application – *Proposed changes*

Chairperson Hartman stated the proposed changes for Section 23 Site Plan Review had been sent to townships for recommendation. He asked for discussion on the changes suggested by Otsego Lake Township.

After discussion, Chairperson Hartmann requested a motion to accept the changes discussed.

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Motion made by Mr. Caverson to approve the additional changes to Article 23 proposed by Otsego Lake Township excluding changes to numbers ten (10) and twenty-nine (29) of the Site Plan Review Checklist; Seconded by Ms. Nowak.

Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Caverson to recommend the proposed changes to Article 23 Site Plan Review and also the Site Plan Review Application to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners; Seconded by Mr. Klee

Motion approved unanimously.

Chairperson Hartmann thanked the Committee for their time.

2. Section 21.38 Signs and Billboards – *Proposed changes*

Mr. Arndt presented proposed changes to Section 21.38 for review by Commission members stating additional changes pertaining to accessory signage on farmland and temporary banners had been made to Section 21.38.2 *Signs Prohibited* and Section 21.38.3 *Signs Not Requiring a Zoning Permit*. All proposed changes to Section 21.38 would be put together and presented in their entirety in the next month or so for final review before sending to townships for input.

New Business: None

Reports and Commission Member's Comments:

1. Otsego County Parks & Recreation report/Judy Jarecki

Mrs. Jarecki was not in attendance for a report.

2. Land Use Services report/Jim Mouch

Mr. Mouch stated the report included in the packet showed permits issued year to date were running parallel in comparison to permits in the last three (3) years. It also presented information on the following: a reduction in demolition fees was proposed in order to encourage the removal of blight structures in the County; a reduction in fees and the elimination of staking inspections for fences, sheds less than two hundred (200) square feet, camping and livestock permits. Enforcements for livestock permits would be handled by Otsego County Animal Control and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and enforcements of shoreland permits would be returned to the Otsego County Soil Conservation District as they deal with soil erosion and coordinate with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Chairperson Hartmann thanked Mr. Mouch and stated he would like to add to next month's agenda the review of the manufactured housing section and also the recreational equipment section to update the language.

Chairperson Hartmann adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment: 6:58pm by Chairperson Hartmann

Ken Arndt; Secretary

Christine Boyak-Wohlfeil; Recording Secretary