

Otisco Township

APPROVED

Planning Commission Minutes for January 21, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting Called-to-Order at 7:01pm by Jim Tarkowski. Pledge recited.

Roll Call: Members Present; Jim Tarkowski, Frank Mason, David Pachulski, Desmond Pike, Dave Hodges, Pete Marhofer and Ben Oatley. Also in attendance were Marc Larabel (Zoning Administrator), Tim Johnson (Township Planner) and Dion Sower (Ionia County Sheriff Department). No one was absent.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to Amend to include Election of Officers to the Planning Commission by Dave Hodges. Motion Seconded by Frank Mason. Motion Approved [Unanimously].

Approval of minutes: Planning Commission Meeting held on December 17, 2014. Motion to Amend meeting minutes by Dave Hodges as follows; Roll call to show Trustee Ben Oatley as absent. Motion Seconded by Pete Marhofer. Motion Approved [Unanimously].

Election of Officers: Frank Mason nominated Jim Tarkowski as Chairperson. Motion seconded by Pete Marhofer. Nomination Approved [Unanimously]. Ben Oatley nominated Frank Mason as Vice Chairperson. Motion seconded by Pete Marhofer. Nomination Approved [Unanimously]. Frank Mason nominated David Pachulski as Secretary. Motion Seconded by Dave Hodges. Nomination Approved [Unanimously] with exceptions. Marc Larabel (Zoning Administrator) agreed to transcribe monthly meeting minutes from David.

Public Comment: Joe Marhofer commented on Public Gatherings and on Livestock concerns within the city.

Correspondence: Zoning Administrators Report-No comment from Planning Commission Members. Tim Johnson, Otisco Township Planner was introduced to the Planning Commission. No comment from Planning Commission Members.

Board Meeting Minutes: Ben Oatley advised the Planning Commission members that the **Township Board** is working on the Budget. Ben also advised the Planning Commission members that the **Township Board** reversed its decision on requiring a Signed Complaint. Frank Mason advised the Planning Commission members on the **Zoning Board of Appeals** Elections and there was some discussion on the Special Land Use request for Dumon Road.

Public Hearing: There were no Public Hearings schedules.

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Old Business: Discussion on the proposed **Public Gathering Ordinance**. There was much discussion on this item and it was [Unanimously] decided to table the discussion until February's meeting. Tim Johnson (Township Planner) will amend the second draft in accordance with the wishes of the Planning Commission members and will present it at the February meeting. There was discussion on proposed changes allowing **Fowl/Poultry** in the R2 zone. After much discussion, the Planning Commission made the decision to leave the Zoning as written with the exception to amend the setbacks to align Sections 1.350, subsection 1.352 and Section 1.360, subsection 1.363 with Section 1.439 so as be consistent.

Closing Comments: None

Proposed Meeting Agenda: The Meeting Agenda for the February 18, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting will be the Proposed Outdoor/Public Gathering items. Also to approve the changes to Sections 1.350, subsection 1.352 and Section 1.360, subsection 1.363 with Section 1.439 as discussed.

Adjourned: Frank Mason made Motion to Adjourn. Motion was Seconded and Approved Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

DP/msl