

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Otisco Township

Preliminary Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting for August 19, 2015

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

Roll Call: Members Present; Jim Tarkowski, Frank Mason, Desmond Pike, and Ben Oatley, Dave Hodges. Also in attendance was Marc Larabel (Zoning Administrator). Members Absent; David Pachulski and Pete Marhofer

Approval of Agenda: Frank Mason moved to accept current Agenda. Dave Hodges Supported. Approved: [5-0]

Approval of minutes: Dave Hodges moved to accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes held on July 15, 2015. Desmond Pike Supported. Approved: [5-0]

Public Comment: Ron Baur stated a proposed interest in starting an asphalt business at the former Clark Tire property. Ron was directed to apply for a Special Land Use permit.

Correspondence: Zoning Administrators Report- Zoning Administrator gave updates to the complaints on Flat River Trail and Belding Rd. Also gave brief report on seminar attended in Kalamazoo for Zoning Administrators.

Board Meeting Minutes: Ben Oatley updated the Planning Commission members of the **Township Board Meeting with direction from the Board to (1) Review the RV Ordinance and amend it as necessary. (2) The Board approved the Conditional Rezoning on Belding Rd. (3) Tabled the Noise Ordinance discussion.** Frank Mason advised the Planning Commission members that there was no **Zoning Board of Appeals** meeting in August. Zoning Administrator again reiterated that Ben Oatley is the voice of the Planning Commission to Board and that Ben is also the voice of the Board back to the Planning Commission. Communications between the Boards has improved. (No further discussion).

Public Hearing: There was no Public Hearing.

New Business: Under direction from the Board, The Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendments to the RV Ordinance. The consensus was not to make it Zone Specific which would remove the RV Ordinance from the Zoning Book and make it a 'Police/Nuisance' stand alone ordinance. A proposed draft will be available at the September meeting.

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Unfinished Business: Home Occupations and Home Based Business Ordinance Amendments were reviewed. Motion to approve the Home Occupation/Home Based Business Ordinance Amendments for a Public Hearing was made by Frank Mason. Dave Hodges supported. Approved [5-0] Public Hearing will be posted and published for September 16, 2015 at 7pm.

Closing Comments: September Planning Commission meeting Agenda will include review of proposed RV Ordinance Amendments and the Public Hearing for the Home Occupation Amendments.

Adjourned: Frank Mason moved to Adjourn. Dave Hodges Supported. Approved [5-0]

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

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