

OTISCO TOWNSHIP
PRELIMINARY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES for September 14, 2015

- Members Present:** Frank Mason – Chairman, Dan Ziegler, co-chairman, Laura Staats - Secretary
- Also Present:** Marc Larabel – Zoning Administrator, Kristine Platte
- Call to Order:** Frank Mason called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approve Minutes:** Movement was made and supported to accept the minutes of the July 13 meeting – passed 3-0
- Old Business:** None
- Board Report:** None
- Public Comment:** None
- Public Hearing:** 7:07 p.m. - Kristine & Daniel Platte applied for a variance to allow the construction of a Pole Barn in front of their home at 10405 Belding Road, located in Otisco Township [34-130-017-000-015-20]. They currently do not have an equipment storage facility for their orchard business. The proposed location is approximately 30 feet of the front corner of their home. Marc Larabel, Zoning Administrator noted that he had failed to send notification to nearby property owners within 300 feet of the 10405 Belding Road property. Marc will check with the Township's corporate attorney that sending the letters after the hearing will not make any decision the Zoning Board makes invalid. Topography of the land behind the residence does not allow for construction of the facility to be located there. All areas on either the north, east or west of the home are already planted with apple trees. A movement was made to allow the construction of a storage facility approximately 50' X 72' in the specified area in front of the home, barring that there is no objection received by the Township once the letters of intent to build such a structure have been mailed to nearby property owners and no objections are received by the Township. Movement seconded and passed 3-0. Public hearing closed 7:29 p.m.
- New Business:** 2016 Schedule – A brief discussion was held concerning swapping the Zoning Board meeting with the Planning Commission Meeting dates for 2016 calendar. The change would facilitate serving the residents of Otisco Township in a timelier manner. It was determined that the Zoning Board would be better to continue holding its meeting as currently scheduled; and that the Planning Commission may want to consider changing their

meeting to the Wednesday prior to the Otisco Township Board Meeting. Marc Larabel will bring it up at the Planning Commissions next meeting.

Adjourn: Movement to adjourn was made and supported 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2015 –

Proposed Agenda: Election of Officers

Respectfully submitted:
Laura J. Staats – Secretary

Zoning Board of Appeals Members:

Frank Mason – Chairman Glenn Geiger - Alternate
Dan Zeigler – Vice Chairman John Newland - Alternate
Laura Staats – Secretary

Otisco Township Staff:

Marc Larabel – Zoning Administrator James Hegarty – Engineer
Tim Johnson – Planner Clifford H. Bloom – Attorney

Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015:

<u>January 12</u>	April 13	<u>July 13</u>	October 12
<u>February 9</u>	May 11	August 10	November 19
March 9	June 8	September 14	<u>December 14</u>

* The underlined meeting dates are scheduled business meetings and may include study or training sessions if there are no appeals or other business on the agenda.