

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
January 4, 2007

John Preniczky, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Erma Backenstose, Tim Baker, Margaret Black, Nora Corfis, Leonard Fritz, John Preniczky, Randy Stults, and Dan Yale. A quorum was present.

Absent: None

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

Chairperson Preniczky asked for corrections or additions to the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 7, 2006. Ms. Black moved to approve the December 7, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

January Meeting Housekeeping Items

Mr. Baker moved that Ms. Black be elected Chairperson, Mr. Stults, Vice-Chairperson and Ms. Corfis, Secretary of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission. Ms. Backenstose seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Fritz moved to adopt the revised Rules for Conducting Meeting to be dated January 2007 as attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Backenstose moved to adopt the proposed 2007 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule and for the Secretary to post it at the Township Hall. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed. A copy of the Schedule is attached and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Preniczky noted communications from M. C. Planning & Design regarding a copy of the Adopted Master Plan for Otsego Lake Township, including Recreation Plan being hand delivered to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, as required by the DNR to meet the DNR guidelines for approval. Mr. Baker added he has not received notice of approval by the DNR yet.

Chairperson Preniczky read the memorandum from Steve R. DuBois of Kirkpatrick & DuBois PLC, regarding the Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Mr. DuBois will be at our February meeting where the suggested revisions can be completed.

Chairperson Preniczky reviewed the changes to the Highway Advertising Act adopted in Lansing in Senate Bills No. 567 and 568. Copies of the Bills were provided to members.

Mr. Stults showed photographs of the new "Welcome to Otsego Lake Township" signs now installed at the entrances to the Township along Old-27 (North & South), Mancelona Road and Old State Road.

Public Hearings:

None

Other Business

Two applicants, Ms. Laura Boerema, 1363 Washington Ave., Gaylord, MI, 49735 and Mr. Russell D Gregg, 11800 Goodfellow Drive, Frederic, MI 49733 for appointment to the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission were introduced and interviewed. Copies of both applications are attached and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Stults explained the Alternate Members roll and requirements. Chairperson Preniczky thanked Ms. Boerema and Mr. Gregg for their interest in the Township and the willingness to serve on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Fritz moved to recommend to Supervisor Wagar the appointment as Alternate Member to the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission, Ms. Laura Boerema for a term to commence with appointment and end December 31, 2008. Ms. Corfis supported the motion. Motion Passed.

Mr. Stults advised Mr. Gregg that his application would be kept on file and will be considered at the next opening on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Stults reported the December Otsego County Planning Commission meeting had a workshop for discussion on the proposed Private Road Ordinance that was constructive and will be continued at another workshop. The main meeting was setting the goals for the revised Otsego County Master Plan. The January 15, 2007 County Planning Commission Meeting is at 6:00 pm, at the Elmira Township Hall. There are two meetings scheduled in January at the Yuill Building to continue the revised Master Plan goal setting. They are January 17 and January 30 at 6:00 pm.

The Budget of the Township Planning Commission was reviewed and discussion on the April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 Budget took place. Mr. Fritz moved to submit to the Township Board the Budget Recommendation for April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 in the total amount of \$11,000, broken down as follows:

Salaries	\$6,000
Office Supplies	\$1,000
Education	\$1,500
Professional (Consultant & Legal)	\$2,500

Ms. Corfis seconded the motion. Motion passed. A copy of the Budget Recommendation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Ms. Black moved that the 2006 Annual Report of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission to the Otsego Lake Township Board be approved and submitted to the Township Board. Mr. Fritz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairperson Preniczky reminded members of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission – Year at a Glance that was included with the agenda provided to members displaying Planning Commission activities.

Ms. Black gave a reminder for the Citizens Planner Program being available online with a discount available for registration right now. Please advise Township Clerk, Lorraine Markovich if you are going to take the course and for reimbursement instructions.

Planning Commission Reports at Township Board Meetings

January 18, 2007 – Mr. Preniczky

February 15, 2007 – _____

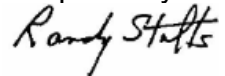
March 15, 2007 – Mr. Fritz

Other Items

The next Planning Commission meeting is February 1, 2007 at 7:00 pm, at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

Chairperson Preniczky adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Randy Stults
Secretary