

**OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
JUNE 7, 2007**

Margaret Black, 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: Laura Boerema

Otsego Lake Township Trustee Mary Brown and Fire Chief Joe Shelly were present.

Chairperson Black asked for a moment of silence in memory of John Markovich. He had been a member of the Planning Commission for many years, as well as serving as its Chairman. He was a valuable member of the community, and will be missed.

Chairperson Black asked for approval of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission Minutes dated May 3, 2007. Leonard Fritz moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Tim Baker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Public Comments and Communications:**

There was correspondence and communication regarding the following:

- Randy Stults sent Richard Edmonds and John Ernst a summary of the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission's comments regarding the draft of the County's Multiple Use Zoning Ordinance. The email is attached.
- Chairperson Black distributed copies of the registration form for MTA's Summer Evening Zoning Workshop to be held on July 24, 2007 at the Otsego Club in Gaylord. Those who wish to attend should notify the Township Clerk prior to the Early-Bird deadline on July 10, 2007.

**Public Hearings:**

There was no public hearing.

**Other Business:**

- Otsego County Planning Commission Activities

Mr. Stults reported the Otsego County Planning Commission heard a request by Grace Baptist Bible College for a 1-year renewal of a special use permit for its PUD. The permit was renewed. The College also requested a zoning change from Ag to R1. As the southern property line abuts B2 and B3, the Commission felt there should be a strip of R2 buffer. The College will come back to the Planning Commission on this matter. The College also requested relocation of its single family housing units. As this would create a significant change to the PUD, the County Planning Commission requested the college furnish a new site plan and traffic study.

- Fire Charges Ordinance

After discussion with Fire Chief Joe Shelly, the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission determined that the cost of a fire-run by the department was \$810.00 (based on 2005-2006 data). The Fire Department went on 10 rollover accidents in the last 6 months, and the Chief felt that two hours of department time would cover the majority of these calls.

Based upon this information, the Planning Commission decided that \$750.00 would be an appropriate charge as first responder to car accidents. For calls exceeding 2 hours in duration there should be an additional hourly charge of \$250.00 per hour (or part thereof).

The Planning Commission also decided there should be a charge for Fire Department response to hazardous material situations, as these have the potential to be an extensive call. Charges for these calls are covered by statute and the Chief will furnish the Committee with this reference.

Grass and brush fires were again discussed, and the Planning Commission decided that these runs should not be included in the Fire Charges Ordinance.

The Commission will continue its review of the Fire Charges Ordinance at its next meeting. Chief Shelly will furnish the Commission with information regarding what surrounding communities charge for Jaws of Life service.

- Planning Commission Reports to the Township Board

June 21, 2007 – Margaret Black  
July 19, 2007 – Nora Corfis  
August 16, 2007 –John Preniczky

The next Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission meeting will be July 5, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

Chairperson Black adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Corfis".