

**OTSEGO TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 1, 2013  
Monday at 7:00 PM**

Chairman Andy Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Webb, Jeff Polonowski, Mike Bosch, Roger Rumble, Tammy Hoppe, Scott Reising, Ron Cade and Karen Burns

Members Absent: Bill Rohr

**Approval/Correction of Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jeff Polonowski and supported by Tammy Hoppe to approve the minutes of March 4, 2013 as presented.

8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – absent. Motion carried.

**Special Use Permit/Temporary Campground – Brad Wilcox – Case 13-01**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m.

Mike Vandenberg, Supervisor of Gun Plain Township had 3 concerns.

1. Concerns on fencing – not chicken wire – at least 5 or 6 feet to keep debris from blowing over onto their resident's property.
2. He is requesting a certain amount of police level – 6 officers at a minimum so they do not take away from Gun Plain Township Sheriff officers who need to roam in Gun Plain Township.
3. He feels the campfires are a problem

Chuck Andrysiak, Watson Township Trustee and resident on 115<sup>th</sup> Ave. agrees with Mike.

Ron Vandenberg – Martin Fire Department Commander, for the past 3 years has monitored the B93 bash. He said the campground needs to have the people monitored who are leaving. They are sneaking in the back way into the drag strip. No foot traffic should be allowed.

Sheriff's office had a list of complaints they investigated. They responded to a runaway from PA, an assault, disorderly conduct, a threat complaint (knife) and destruction of property. They need to take the general patrol cars off the regular route for this event.

Bob May, Wayland State Police Post feels that 6 troopers should be proposed for the event, a sergeant and 5 troopers. The troopers would be on foot and in patrol cars. The officers would be assigned to the campground. Traffic control is also needed with additional staffing. The state police would provide law enforcement function not security.

It was felt that the campground should have their own EMS at the campground.

Brad asked if the 6 officers would be on the property when no one would be on the property but at the bash. The officers said that night time is their primary concern.

Kirk Scharphorn, PCI, said a citation was issued for the house and barn to be condemned and demolished. He is asking for a compliance order. If they do not comply the courts could grant the township permission to demo it and put the cost on the taxes. The junk vehicles in the back are also on the ticket for them to be removed. Last year the fencing was chicken wire and not metal fencing and PCI had ordered tape to be put on the fencing. The campground needs to define recreational vehicles. Kirk felt the site was laid out correctly and the parking was all right.

Brad brought in plastic orange fencing. The sheriff department liked the orange fencing. The fencing cannot be sagging.

Andy did some research on Brad Wilcox with someone from Mendon he knew and this person said Brad was legit. He does Cowboy Up in Mendon. He is on the property for this event.

Brad said they are thinking about karaoke at the campground.

The last act is at 6:00 p.m. and may last until 9:00 p.m.. The drag strip is not emptied until midnight.

Kirk said Russ Wicklund had done research on the lots and they meet the ordinance requirements.

The planning commission felt that spreading out the port-a-johns is important. They are planning on serving food at the campground. They are set up for 1600 people. Eight people on each site are possible in an 1100 square foot area. They are requesting tents only. Most were tents last year. The Bash is June 7-9.

Diffused lighting on the outside of the property towards the woods was suggested.

Jeff Polonowski said the site plan, except for the port-a-johns, looks as good as it can get. They need to do the security, officers etc.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:07 p.m.

Karen Burns said that the rain turns everything into a quagmire. They may need a road for an emergency path. This probably is not possible financially.

Motion by Roger Rumble and supported by Ron Cade to table the special use and site plan until the May meeting to gather information from the health department, sheriffs and state police with a checklist from the other bodies and to have it turned enough in advance for the planning commission to look over. 8 – Yes, 0 – no, 1 – absent. Motion carried.

### **New Business – Election of officers**

Motion by Roger Rumble and supported by Tammy Hoppe to elect Andy Webb – chairman, Bill Rohr – Vice Chairman, and Jeff Polonowski – Secretary. Motion carried.

Tammy said there are bins for donation in parking lots. Other units are regulating them as to how many, how big and what is written on them. It was felt that we need an ordinance for this. Otsego City is requiring only certain locations that are allowed. This would come under open air business. Jeff feels this should be kept in commercial and industrial areas. A site plan amendment is required. Can it be done administratively? Would it be a major or minor amendment? How often the bin is emptied because

they are full. Someone needs to be monitoring. There should be contact information on the bin and whether it is a non-profit or for profit. Russ Wicklund needs to have some input.

Andy told Kirk that there was a barn with the roof caving in on 102<sup>nd</sup> St. west of 16<sup>th</sup> St. that he should look at. Also, a house further on down by 101<sup>st</sup> Ave. is also collapsing. Discussion followed on whether members of the planning commission or board should just drive around to find buildings in violation of the code. A lot of buildings would be in violation.

Motion by Tammy Hoppe and supported by Ron Cade to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Polonowski/ch                      Date  
Planning Commission Secretary

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