



**OTSEGO TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 4, 2013  
Monday at 7:00 PM**

*Planning Commission Members;  
Chair Andy Webb, Vice Chair Bill Rohr, Secretary Jeff Polonowski,  
Scott Reising, Karen Burns, Mike Bosch, Tammy Hoppe, Ron Cade & Roger Rumble*

The Vice 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, Bill Rohr

Members Absent: Karen Burns

**Approval / Correction of Minutes:**

Motion made by Tammy Hoppe, support by Jeff Polonowski to approve the January 7, 2013 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented.  
8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Absent. Motion carried.

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

Brad Wilcox and Jeff Geiger presented their proposal for a temporary campground to run concurrent with the B-93 Birthday Bash on the property owned by Ray Hoyt at 1210 112th Avenue, Otsego. Mr. Wilcox has been in contact with Scott Corbin from the Allegan County Emergency Management office. Mr. Corbin indicated his primary concern in regards to the campground was having adequate traffic control. Mr. Wilcox has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Corbin and Lt. Larsen from the State Police Department to discuss having a traffic check point at the intersection of 12th Street and 112th Avenue. Mr. Wilcox gave a brief description of his experience with a similar type of event run by he and his partners in conjunction with his establishment Cowboy Up located in Mendon. He addressed some of the concerns from last year's event in regards to the presence of campfires, the type of fencing used and the overall lack of litter control.

Chairman Webb opened the meeting to the public at 7:17 pm.

Chairman Webb read a letter received from Mrs. Cheryl Schmidt, 1203 112th Avenue, who is requesting the special use permit be denied due to events that occurred last year. Several neighboring residents were present at the meeting and had comments for the Planning Commission members. Roger Hoover, 1201 12th Street, indicated he had no real problem with the campground being allowed but would like to have better clean up after the event and better control of people lighting fires. Tom Thornton, 1208 12th Street, also was generally supportive of the campground. He indicated there needed to be better traffic control, with traffic not being allowed to travel south on 12th Street from the B-93 Bash itself and there should be a regular police patrol unit present. He also indicated the music continued until 2:00 am, well past the agreed upon time limit imposed last year. Otsego Fire Chief Chad Tackett indicated there was an officer on the corner of 12th Street and 112th Avenue until 11:00 pm until he was pulled away for other duties. Chief Tackett agrees there needs to be an officer posted there continuously to maintain proper traffic control. His other main concern was the lack of enforcing a clear pathway on the access lanes within the campground. He indicated that a tent was actually run over when the fire department personnel entered the campground to treat a camper there. Chief Tackett also recommended the event be bonded to ensure compliance with cleanup and any other issues that may arise. Former Township Supervisor Gale Dugan spoke regarding the need for any requirements and restrictions to be extremely specific so there is no latitude for interpretation by the permit holder.

Chairman Webb closed the meeting to the public at 7:45 pm.

Discussion was brought back to the Planning Commission members. Jeff Polonowski mentioned the house and barns which had been an issue last year were still on the property. He also questioned whether there was sufficient space for a turnaround at the end of the access lane. Mr. Wilcox indicated there was a 50 foot turn around shown on the plan. Roger Rumble felt the application for this event had been submitted in a much more timely manner than last year, but he still felt that it was necessary to table any action in order to allow the Planning Commission members and the Township Zoning Administrator time to review the material the applicants had distributed that evening.

Motion made by Mike Bosch, support by Roger Rumble to table consideration of the special use permit request until April 1, 2013 Planning Commission meeting.  
8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Webb held a discussion about a noise ordinance issue in Alamo Township. Roger Rumble was supportive of Chairman Webb drafting a resolution regarding the issue. Resident Tim Kohlhoff brought up concerns about well drilling and fracking that could potentially be addressed through the use of a noise ordinance.

Motion made by Jeff Polonowski, support by Mike Bosch to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
8 – Yes, 0 – No, 1 – Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeff Polonowski/js                      Date  
Planning Commission Secretary