



**OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2015
Wednesday 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*

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

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

Members Absent: None

Approval / Correction of Minutes:

Motion made by Roger Rumble, supported by Tammy Hoppe to approve the October 5, 2015 Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented.

9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Absent. Motion carried.

New Business:

Rezoning – R-2 to C Thomas Pressey for New Apostolic Church – Case 15-01

Chairman Webb introduced the applicant, Thomas Pressey, and asked that he present his request for rezoning. Mr. Pressey spoke regarding his desire to relocate his financial planning business back to this area from his current location in Kalamazoo. He indicated he had many clients in the Allegan/Otsego/Plainwell area and wanted his office closer to his client base. He also spoke about his intention to have a high level of involvement in the community by hosting local events from the site. Discussion returned to the planning commission. There was general discussion amongst the members and a question was raised regarding the parking lot and the building. Mr. Pressey indicated the building was located in the Township while the eastern parking lot was on a separate lot which was located within Otsego City limits.

Chairman Webb opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. There were no members of the public present so the public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Motion made by Bill Rohr, support by Mike Bosch to recommend approval of the rezoning to the Township Board. This motion reads as follows:

“I, Bill Rohr, move to recommend approval to the Township Board of the rezoning of parcel 0317-022-048-00 from R-2 Medium Density Residential to C General Business which complies with the Township’s Master Plan.”

9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Chairman Webb opened the discussion regarding the proposal to update the Otsego Township Master Plan. He indicated he had distributed copies of his request for proposal and was seeking any input from the members. Karen Burns questioned the need to include information regarding the fire department, there was also general discussion regarding broadband communications and the Kalamazoo River. Several members had concerns about the submission date as it was written and Chairman Webb agreed to revise the required submission date to the middle of December with the

Planning Commission meeting in January to review any proposals submitted. He indicated he would be sending the request for proposal to Williams and Works, Wade Trim, McKenna and Mark Sisson as a minimum and possibly to LSL Planning as well.

Motion made by Roger Rumble, support by Tammy Hoppe to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.
9 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Polonowski/js Date
Planning Commission Secretary

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