

ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST, 13, 2024

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Meeting opening delayed for public hearing to accept the Master Plan.
 - Brain Bresette moved that the Planning Commission adopt the Master Plan by resolution, and recommends that the Master Plan be adopted by the Township Board. The motion was supported by Brian Mahoney.

Roll Call vote:

Brian Mahoney: Aye

Fred Ivers: Aye

Vicki Ray : Aye

Brian Bresette : Aye

Mark Fisher: Aye

Erin Putvin: Aye

The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Master Plan.

III. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Brian Mahoney, Brian Bresette, Fred Ivers, Mark Fisher, Vicki Ray, Erin Putvin, and Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy

Absent: Michael Tarr

Public Present: Wyatt Melvin Flock, Jamee Flock, Sandy Worland, Jim Worland, Marlene Wood, Ed Wood, Jerry Warner, Pat Hokum, Char McDonnell, Nancy Bennett

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended to add the Conditional Use Permit to new business.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 7-9-24 meeting as presented,

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Vicki Ray
Motion carried: 6-0

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments received from Wyatt Melvin Flock, Jamee Flock, Sandy Worland, Jim Worland, Marlene Wood, Ed Wood, Jerry Warner, Char McDonnell concerning the primitive campground. Similar concerns and upsets were expressed from all neighbors. Concerns involved fire dangers, concerns of trespassing, foreign dogs, gunshots, road blockage, safety of property, road maintenance, and more. Many concerns and upsets were communicated.
- Comment received from Pat Hokum. Pat attended the meeting on the behalf of Ross Woller. Pat read a letter from Ross Woller aloud to those present.

VII. REPORTS

- Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy
Attached

- Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette
 - Elections went well.
 - Onota Township has a deputy Clerk
 - The website is up and running

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence received from AuTrain Township. Letter was sent in April and just arrived.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Public Hearing for Ross Woller
 - Jason McCarthy reviewed the Zoning Map and pointed out that Mr. Woller's property is located in Resource Production. Jason further explained Resource Production Zoning in detail (what may or may not be allowed with that type of zoning.
 - The site plan submitted with the application was insufficient and failed to include the necessary information outlined in Section 6.04 of the Onota Township Zoning Ordinance.
 - The Planning Commission, as a whole, felt that Ross Woller did not show the initiative proving that he has an interest in protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community. Several problems with the current set up create a true cause for concern including glass all over the property, inadequate fire protection, and no place to put refuse.

- Erin Putvin moved to deny Ross Woller's conditional use permit application. Mark Fisher supported the motion. Discussion: Brian Bresette pointed out that the application is missing the required engineered site plan as defined in Section 6.04. Additionally, Ross Woller did not show the initiative proving that he has an interest in protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

Roll Call vote:

Brian Mahoney: Aye

Fred Ivers: Aye

Vicki Ray : Aye

Brian Bresette : Aye

Mark Fisher: Aye

Erin Putvin: Aye

Ross Woller's conditional use permit was unanimously denied.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8 pm

Motion: Erin Putvin

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Putvin

Planning Commission Secretary