

PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF ONTWA – COUNTY OF CASS
EDWARDSBURG, MI 49112

JANUARY 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Marbach, Jim Robinson, Norm Krupp, Bill Mahaney, Phil Steele, Shane Szalai and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Bruno, Clint Draeger and Dawn Bolock.

OTHERS PRESENT: R. Marchetti, P. Sniadecki and Mr. Howe.

The regular meeting of the Ontwa Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Marbach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved as corrected on motion by Norm, supported by Bill.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY for the New Year. On motion by Jim, supported by Phil Officers remain the same. Chris Marbach, Chairman, Shane Szalai Vice Chairman and Clint Draeger, Secretary.

LAND SPLITS: None

HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS FOR 2013: The list of Home Occupations approved on motion by Norm supported by Jim. All in favor.

ANNUAL REPORT: A printed report was submitted by the Chairman for the year 2012. On motion by Shane, supported by Norm that Annual Report be accepted. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR HOME CARE: Barb Howe 70200 Elkhart Rd, Edwardsburg requests a permit to open a day care service in her home. Mr. Howe appeared on her behalf and stated they had a Day Care several years ago and want to renew the permit. They have facilities for 12 children so they must have a Township permit before they can apply to the State. Chris will talk with Wayne and Paula because a Public Notice has to be published. Will be on the agenda for February, 2013.

There are still concerns for the cell tower so Wayne will approach the company again.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,


Marilyn A. Cobb, Secretary

CC: Planning Commission members, Zoning Adm., and Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

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February 6, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Marbach, Bill Mahaney, Dawn Bolock, Phil Steele, Norm Krupp, Shane Szalai and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Robinson, Richard Bruno and Clint Draeger.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Hardin, Brian Wenger, Barb Howe, Paul Sniadecki and members of the Eagle Lake Association.

The regular meeting of the Ontwa Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Marbach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January 2, 2013 meeting were approved on motion by Norm Krupp, supported by Bill. All in favor.

LAND SPLITS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Public hearing for a Home Occupation Permit. Barb Howe is requesting a Permit for a Day Care Center for 6-12 children. They live 70 acres, have children play equipment and plenty of room in the basement of their home. They had a permit several years ago. On motion by Norm, supported by Phil that public hearing be closed. No additional information needed. On motion by Bill, supported by Phil that Home Occupation permit be granted. All in favor.

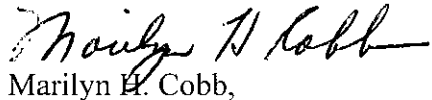
NEW BUSINESS: Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendments: Brian stated that conversation started after the Master Plan was presented to the Board by Williams and Works. The Eagle Lake Association would like to see additional minor changes. The Association had meetings with the Board during 2011 and 2012 about the quality of lakes, set-backs, water run-off, parks and accesses. Safety is a concern because other boats can get on the lakes at public accesses and some of the boaters do not follow the rules. The Township has not had any positive information from the DNR about development at the east end of Eagle Lake.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears petitions of unique circumstances regarding new construction and set backs. On motion by Phil, supported by Dawn that Public Hearing be closed. All in favor. On motion by Dawn, supported by Norm that Ordinance changes will be adopted excluding PUBLIC ACCESS, sec. 2 of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Roll call vote: all members voting yes. Motion carried. Chris advised the Board that a recommendation will be sent to the County Planning Commission and the Ontwa Twp. Board regarding the new Master Plan Amendments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chamber of Commerce dinner on March 5, 2013 at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn H. Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Marilyn H. Cobb,
Secretary

CC: Planning Commission members, Zoning Administrator and Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

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MAY 1, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Marbach, Jim Robinson, Bill Mahaney, Phil Steele, Norm Krupp, Richard Bruno, Clint Draeger, Shane Szalai, Dawn Bolock and Marilyn Cobb.
ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Hardin, Roseanne Marchetti and Margie Allan.

The regular meeting of the Ontwa Township Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Marbach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the April 11, 2013 meeting were approved as corrected on motion by Richard, supported by Clint. All in favor.

LAND SPLIT: Scott L. Huff, 23853 US 12, Edwardsburg, MI. A Land Split application was submitted on 4-25-2013 for tax #14-090-011-022-00. Member discussion felt we do not have enough information to make a decision. Motion to deny by Bill did not receive a second. Scott

should have more discussion with the Building Administrator. Scott Huff was not in attendance. On motion by Norm, supported by Jim that Land Split is approved if tract #1 or the remainder is sold, the barn cannot be used until a principle building is constructed on tract #2. All in favor. Motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Marilyn H. Cobb,
Secretary

CC: Building Adm., Planning Commission members and Ontwa Twp. Clerk.

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AUGUST 7, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Marbach, Jim Robinson, Richard Bruno, Clint Draeger, Dawn Bolock, Shane Szalai and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBES ABSENT: Bill Mahaney, Norm Krupp and Phil Steele.

OTHERS PRESENT: Wayne Hardin, Zoning Administrator, North American Forrest Products Representatives, Dave Denler, representing Millianigan, Inc.

LAND SPLIT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: North American Forrest Products is requesting a lot line adjustment for parcels No. 14-090-018-007-00 and No. 14-090-018-005-00. Since Chairman Marbach is the surveyor of record, he requested that the Vice Chairman, Shane Szalai be in charge of this portion of the hearing. Carl Burger stated they are requesting this lot line adjustment so they can make further expansions, add machinery and create 10-20 jobs. On motion by Richard that we accept the plan revision as stipulated. Supported by Jim. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Denler, representing members of Millianigan, Inc., asked the Planning Commission for suggestions about proceeding with changes for home owners in Millianigan to obtain a deed for their property because at the present time they do not have ownership of the land. There are fifteen homes and eight acres in this development.. Members will continue with suggestions and work with the Planning Commission.

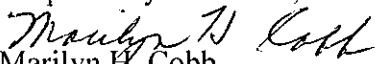
OLD BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman informed the members of several future meetings.

The Chairman handed out new ORDINANCES AND RULES REGULATING LAND, dated May 30, 2013 to be updated in our notebooks.

There being not further business, Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Marilyn H. Cobb,
Secretary

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OCTOBER 2, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Marbach, Richard Bruno, Clint Draeger, Shane Szalai, Phil Steele, Norman Krupp and Marilyn Cobb.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Robinson and Dawn Bolock.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Miller and Rev. Joseph McCormack and community residents of Ontwa Township.

LAND SPLIT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Site plans for the addition to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church were presented by the Troyer Group of Mishawaka. Construction is to begin in March, 2014. On motion by Norm, supported by Bill that the Site Plans be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.


NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Marchetti advised the Board about concerns of Article 3.23 (c) regarding recreational vehicles that are parked in residential areas. Discussion with Board was inconclusive and Chris offered to get information together and talk with Williams and Works. He will bring information to the next Planning meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion about the Dock property was taken off the agenda at the request of the DNR since they lost their option to purchase the property.

No announcements and no further business.

Motion to adjourn by Norm, supported by Clint. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Marilyn H. Cobb,
Secretary

CC: Members of the Planning Commission, Ontwa Twp. Bldg. Adm. and Ontwa Twp. Clerk