

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the
Onota Township Planning Commission

March 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Onota Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Brian Bresette, Fred Ivers, Brian Mahoney, Martin Dolan, Shannon Wyatt

Absent: Bill Dunham, Mary Henricksen

Also Present: Zoning Administrator Mike Tietjen, Nancy Bennett, Char McDonnell, Brent Schut, Mike Coller, Dave Kronk, Catherine Kimar, Gary Spack, Greg Quinn.

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended (*add B. Clarification of Conditions from Public Hearing under new business*).

Motion: Martin Dolan

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented from the meeting held on February 12, 2019.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Martin Dolan

Motion carried.

IV. REPORTS

A. Township Board Representative

This issue was dealt with under new business.

B. Zoning Administrator

- Reports no requests for zoning compliance or further activities
- Webinar schedule in May for vacation rentals, implementations reintroduced, vacation rentals available to all residential areas of MI
- Bond document from AT&T emailed to ZA

C. Sustainable Eco-Tourism Organization / Dave Kronk

Mr. Kronk gave a brief presentation and handouts on the presence and future of sustainable energy in Alger County. The Planning Commission stated they would pass this information on to the Township Board.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received and read from Nancy Koch and Benjamin Chulay stating their concerns about the cell towers impact on the natural beauty of the community, the visual disturbances including light pollution.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment on the cell tower was received from: Brent Schut, Nancy Bennett, Char McDonnell, and Gary Spack.

VII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Recreation Plan

Clerk Kimar attended the meeting to coordinate the posting of public notices as required by the DNR for the adoption of the Recreation Plan.

B. Clarification of Conditions from Public Hearing

Brian Bresette requested that the Planning Commission make additional motions to clarify the conditions for the cell tower conditional use permit, as recorded at the 1/8/19 meeting.

A motion was made that the aircraft warning light must be shielded to prevent light pollution from interfering with neighboring view of the skyline.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Martin Dolan
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers
Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

A motion was made that the cell tower must pose no barrier to ingress/egress on adjoining property and that the property owner to north of cell tower structure must allow access for emergency vehicles to respond.

Motion: Brian Mahoney
Support: Martin Dolan
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers
Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

A motion was made that the roadway to cell tower structure must be plowed to allow emergency vehicles to respond to situations requiring their presence on the site, with this not being a township expense.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Marin Dolan

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers

Motion carried.

Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

A motion was made that the cell tower pole shall not be illuminated.

Motion: Brian Mahoney
Support: Fred Ivers
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers
Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

A motion was made that the coloration of cell tower should blend in with surroundings as much as possible.

Motion: Brian Mahoney
Support: Fred Ivers
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers
Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

A motion was made that the township shall be notified when tower is operational and when it is out of service.

Motion: Brian Mahoney
Support: Brian Bresette
Motion carried.

Roll call vote
Ayes: Fred Ivers
Martin Dolan
Brian Bresette
Shannon Wyatt
Brian Mahoney

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment on the cell tower was received from Nancy Bennett, Char McDonnell, and Brent Schut.

X. COMMISSION CONCERNS

None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Motion: Brian Mahoney

Support: Martin Dolan

Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Wyatt

Planning Commission Secretary