

ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Bill Dunham at 7pm.

- Present: Mike Tietjen, Bill Dunham, Erin Leahy Putvin, Michael Tarr, Brian Mahoney, Brian Bresette
- Absent: Fred Ivers

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Michael Tarr
Motion carried 5-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 7/9/2019 meeting as amended with adjustment correcting that a response letter was not sent to the bank about contacting the township attorney.

Motion: Brian Bresette
Support: Michael Tarr
Motion carried: 5-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Zoning Administrator: Mike Tietjen

- Followed up on concerns that parcel (referred to in 7-9-2019 PCOMM minutes) was being used as a campground. Parcel is being used for personal enjoyment. Zoning Administrator communicated community concerns expressed to owner. Situation believed to be under control.
- Mike Anthony was refunded for unnecessary fees paid. His rental property is good to go.
- Recommended modification to recreational marijuana ordinance.
- Will look further into the term “agro-tourism.”

B. Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

- Presented “Friend of the Tyoga” pamphlet. This group is looking for volunteers.
- Vicki Ray was added to the Planning Commission to replace the absence left by Martin Dolan.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Easement Request

- At the last meeting 7/9/2019, there was a letter presented and discussed from First Bank concerning an easement on Shelter Bay Rd. This issue was taken to the attorney by way of the township board. It was determined that nothing can be done. The bank will need an Easement of Necessity from the courts.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of the terms “agro-tourism”/”eco-tourism,” legalization of cannabis, how that affects our township. There are currently no definitions on permitted use. At this point, it is possible that the state may take authority over this substance after November. If state takes authority, state regulations will be followed. At this point, this issue will be left until the new law is declared.
- Follow-up discussion involved considering agro- or eco-tourism as conditional use. Each site plan would be considered individually.
- The Planning Commission requests and appreciates Mr. Tietjen’s feedback from other townships on this issue.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion: Brian Mahoney

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Leahy Putvin
Planning Commission Secretary