

**ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

*January, 13 , 2026*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7 PM

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Brian Mahoney, Brian Bresette, Fred Ivers, Vicki Ray, Michael Tarr, Erin Putvin

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Michael Tarr

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried:6-0

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 12-9-25 meeting as amended.

Motion: Vicki Ray

Support: Brian Bresette

Motion carried: 6-0

**VI. REPORTS**

A. Zoning Administrator: Jason McCarthy (absent)

Report attached

B. Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

1. Pancake breakfast went very well last Saturday.
2. The Board is working on the Post Office situation. Currently waiting for a response from both the property owner and the USPS

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. We reviewed accessory building amendment. It is believed the amendment was put in place by Jason McCarthy. We will double check to make sure the amendment exists.
- B. Principal Use is vague. Michael Tarr proposed to add language similar to this: "Principal Use is determined as the predominant and customary use of the property."
- C. "Vacation Rental" (VR) needs to be deleted and replaced by "Short Term Rental" (STR) in order to align with the new ordinance.
- D. Recreational Structure: Delete the VR in this definition
- E. Hotel language should be reviewed.

- F. Looking at MTA to see if language needs to be developed for the definitions of “Lodge” and “Bed and Breakfast.
- G. All discussions for definitions and amendments therein will remain open until the township attorney has been contacted.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments and questions received from: Chris Kimar, Jason Copeman, Jarrod Biebel, Bill Carmody, Char MacDonnell

Erin Putvin read a letter from Jarrod Biebel aloud.

In response to the letter, Brian Bresette said Jason McCarthy will be contacted.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm

Motion: Michael Tarr

Support: Vicki Ray

Motion carried: 6-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Putvin

Planning Commission Secretary