

**Planning Commission
Village of Otisville**

Regular Meeting

September 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Ken Banyas** in the Tom Bess Jr. Council Chamber.

PRESENT: Ken Banyas, Gary Natzke, Rick Ferguson, Charlie Daenzer, Steed Mills, Deb Schultz-Pawlosky, Dave Tatrow, Robert Jennings and Kathy Martini

ABSENT: Steed Mills, Dave Tatrow & Kelly Mercer

AUDIENCE: Tammy Marsh & Dennis Marsh

Motion was made by **Gary Natzke** and supported by **Charles Daenzer** to accept the agenda as presented. ALL YEAS. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by **Rick Ferguson** and supported by **Gary Natzke** to accept the meeting minutes for August 27, 2024 as presented. ALL YEAS. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

181 N State -Fence – Fence installed and looks good.

NEW Business:

Wedding Venues/Cemetery Road:

A person is wanting to buy 29 acres of property on Cemetery Road to build a barn for weddings. To date the property has not been sold. Do we have an Ordinance that references wedding venues?

Planning Commission By-laws:

Working on the Planning Commission By-laws.

Communication from Audience:

Denny Marsh:

Look at appropriate materials to conceal the dumpsters. Is it Masonry (which would be expensive), metal fence or metal fence with webbing?

Communication from the Village Officials:

Robert Jennings:

The Village owns and mows the lakeview property on East Main Street. It costs the Village approximately \$3,000.00 a year to mow. I was informed by the Assessor at the Township and she states we can split the property into 2 parcels. The Village voted on selling the property and splitting it into 2 parcels. They are buildable lots and will bring in money into the Village with selling the property, taxes, water, sewer and garbage.

The Council approved to pave Wilson Road from Jefferson to the village limits and also pave Leroy Street from East Street to the end of the village property. The homeowners on Leroy will pay for their portion of the road to their driveways.

We had 800 ton of limestone delivered to Cemetery Road on Friday, September 20, 2024.

Conlees is in negotiations with 205 N. State, who just put a new roof on the house, as they may combine the properties. The vacant lot and 205 N. State if purchased. 115 W. Main received a violation letter from the Village, Keith Pyles and Matt Grovesteen issued a ticket. The owner had a cease and assist order and went to court. He now has permits and Keith is inspecting what he has done. The Back of the building was completely torn down and rebuilt.

The Village of Otisville Planning Commission By-laws, Section 2, # 2.2 Composition: Members shall be residents of the Village and insofar as possible represent different occupations, professions and geographical locations. Does this mean a member can be a business owner and not live in the Village?

I have an inquiry on Dave Tatrow's communication for the August 27, 2024 minutes. With Family Dollar and Rite Aid closing, we have lost money going into the general fund. The demographics numbers coming into Otisville for new businesses are doing well.

Communication Between Board Members:

Gary Natzke:

Can the Village be a part of the Lakefront Association to get a grant? Robert Jennings stated that the DNR grant is a 50/50 grant.

What needs to be done is to fix the Dam on the other side of the lake. The lake starts at the beach.

Is Spectrum possibly replacing telephone poles as they had an employee taking pictures?

Charles Daenzer:

Otter Lake flows to Butternut Creek and Otisville Lake. There is higher elevation on the North side of the lake. The issue started with the gravel pit. The water flow has stopped when Beavers block the dams and people who are putting boards to block the dam.

Rick Ferguson:

The Village Zoning Ordinance book under Section 11.04 Performance Standards, G. Outdoor Storage and Waste Disposal, #2 All outdoor storage facilities for fuel, raw materials, and products and all fuel; and all raw materials and products stored outdoors shall be enclosed by a fence adequate to conceal the facilities from any adjacent properties. The Council Ordinance Committee needs to look into the above to be specific on what materials need to be used for the outdoor storage and waste disposal.

Motion was made by **Deb Schultz-Pawlosky** and supported by **Rick Ferguson** to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p. m.

Kathy Martini

Kathy Martini, Recording Secretary