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OTSEGO COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Hello again,

The Land Use Services Department gets busier by the day. We have received almost 150 applications for zoning permits so far this year and have investigated almost 120 new enforcements for 2024. We continue to bring enforcements from 2023 to fruition.

The following items are being addressed by committee volunteers and Land Use:

* Language for Event Facility, Special has been sent to townships for a final review after the attorney’s revisions and further committee discussion; a public hearing is pending
* Guest House and Dwellings language has been sent to townships for a final review as well before scheduling a public hearing
* Language is being proposed for Short-Term and Long-Term Rentals; both will be presented to the Board of Commissioners as code ordinances so they can be enforced moving forward without creating nonconformities
* Language for a noise ordinance is also being proposed as a code ordinance to ensure it can be enforced by law enforcement agencies
* Articles 4 – 15 of the Zoning Ordinance are being reviewed by Planning Commission members concerning current uses in each district
* Discussion on PA 233 concerning renewable energy continues

The Planning Commission has multiple cases pending – 3 will be heard in May:

* Bagley Township will review 3 special use permit cases scheduled for the May 20th Planning Commission meeting – a request for a PUD, an extension for a mining operation and a vehicle sales/repair dealership
* An amendment to a special use permit on Porcupine Lake in Elmira Township is still pending documentation
* A special use permit request for a game preserve in Charlton Township is pending a site plan update
* A special use permit request for a site condominium in Otsego Lake Township is pending documentation
* A special use permit request for an expired mining operation in Chester Township is pending documentation
* An amendment to a PUD in Bagley Township is pending documentation
* A special use permit for a public building in Charlton Township is pending

Please feel free to reach out to the Planning and Zoning Department with any questions or concerns regarding the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance, and we will do our best to answer your questions or direct you to the appropriate person or source.

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<http://canr.msu.edu/planning>