

Oronoco Township Planning Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paige Collins at 6:03 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

III. Roll Call

Last	First	Present	Absent	
Albrecht	Rich	X		TCPA Rep
Berg	Lori	X		
Collins	Cindy	X		
Collins	Paige	X		Chairperson
Matzke	Tammy	X		Township Board Rep
Rucker	Adam	X		Vice-Chair
Smith	Angela	X		
Koenig	Lynn	X		Special Projects
Ruppe	Bob		X	Twp Attorney
Staton	Jered		X	TCPA

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Tonight's meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the meeting agenda was offered by Mr Rucker, seconded by Mr Albrecht. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting were discussed. Motion for approval of the minutes was offered by Mr Rucker, seconded by Ms Collins. Motion carried.

VI. TCPA Update

Mr Albrecht reported that there wasn't much on the TCPA agenda for this month. They are continuing to proceed with the Floodplain/Shoreland/Memorandum of Understanding discussions. All 14 township have now been scheduled.

There was some discussion about Jered Staton potentially becoming the overall Shoreland administrator for Olmsted County in place of County Planning Dept. Nothing finalized yet.

Lastly, the TCPA Bylaws Updates have been finalized. For Oronoco Township, this means that Mr Albrecht will be able to vote on behalf of the Township.

VII. Public Hearings

a) **Moratorium Extension**

Chair Collins reviewed the background and request for the proposed moratorium extension. She then opened the public hearing. With no one wishing to be heard, Mr Rucker made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr Albrecht. Motion carried. After some brief additional discussion, Mr Rucker made a motion to recommend approval of the moratorium extension to July 10, 2025. Ms Collins seconded. Motion carried. This will go on the July 8 Town Board meeting for final approval.

b) **Text Amendment – Sections 3.00, 3.08, 5.00, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6, 8.8, and 10.02**

Mr Rucker talked about the proposed text amendment changes that he, Ms Berg, and Mr Staton have been working on based on previous discussions. These changes include things such as new feedlot requests will trigger a CUP if it is 100 animal units or more and all permitted uses have been moved to conditional uses in sections 8.02-8.08.

Based on the questions and clarifications that were brought up and the fact that we do not have a copy of the latest draft version of the updated sections, it was agreed that we should continue this item to the July meeting. Mr Rucker offered a motion to continue this item to the July 15, 2024 OTPAC meeting. Mr Albrecht seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Old Business

a) **None**

IX. New Business

a) **None**

X. Discussion Items

a) **Oronoco Estates – Ms Koenig brought to our attention that Oronoco Estates is looking to add approximately 90 more acres. There are multiple issues with the owners of this entity. One of which is dumping debris (tires, old trailers) on property that belongs to Mathy. There is also a pile of discarded softener salt that is leeching into the waterways. After some discussion, it was agreed to have Lynn continue investigating this, working with Jered.**

- b) Miscellaneous Updates – Chair Collins gave a quick update on a few items of interest
- Hazard Mitigation Plan – there is a planning meeting on July 19 if anyone would like to attend. If interested, let Paige know and she will send you the link to register.

- Widseth Shoreland Development Request – we received an email from Logan Tjossem at Widseth. He has been working on the Dave Derby development and they are requesting an exemption from the moratorium. After notifying TCPA of this request, we were informed that the moratorium was mentioned at the pre-development meeting. Since there has been no formal application at this time, an exemption should not be considered as an option.

- 115th Street Oronoco – There has been a couple of inquiries from Vicki Nelson at Elcor Realty. Mr Staton, TCPA, clarified a few things for her and also notified her of the moratorium.

- Boelter / Markham Requests – Bill Tointon, WSE, had sent an email to our Township Clerk inquiring whether they are on the agenda for the June Town Board meeting. While there were no formal approvals at OTPAC, the Commission did not see any real problems with the Boelter request proceeding, which will require a variance. As far as the Markham property, based on an update from Mr Tointon at the May OTPAC meeting, there is still a lot of work to be done so there is no need for them to be on the Board agenda at this time.

- Oakwood Meadows/Oronoco Estates Sewer – There have been some complaints and questions regarding the new city sewer. It sounds like some folks have received bills for \$1500 and other inquiries. So, fyi, if any of the OTPAC commissioners receive questions or complaints regarding this, you should direct the resident to contact Ron Cox, LaSalle Property Mgmt LLC at 847-514-9406.

XI. Open Forum

Greg Gerdes, Ulrich Sparks, and Ken Angst (590, 554, and 622 Friedrichs Drive respectively) attended the meeting to hear about the moratorium extension. In addition, they gave an update on some activity that has been happening in River Ridge. Apparently there was an undeveloped dedicated right-of-way that was connected to open space. All of a sudden, this right-of-way had makers and other activity happening. The residents hired an attorney to assist. This activity was unknown to OTPAC and we advised them to be sure to keep Jered Staton in the loop in the event there is action required from OTPAC or the Board.

XII. As May Be Brought Up by Members

Nothing raised.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion for adjournment was offered by Mr Rucker, seconded by Ms Collins. Motion carried. Meeting

was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Collins
Chair

Officers:	Chair	Paige Collins	(2026 – term expiration)
	Vice-Chair	Adam Rucker	(2026 – term expiration)
Commissioners:	Member	Rich Albrecht	(2025 – term expiration)
	Member	Lori Berg	(2027 – term expiration)
	Member	Cindy Collins	(2025 – term expiration)
	Member	Angela Smith	(2027 – term expiration)
	Member	Tammy Matzke	(Town Board representative)
Other:		Lynn Koenig	(Special Projects Administrator)