



## STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP E - BULLETIN # 6

**SUBJECT: Recap of OTC Public Hearing RE: SSC Conditional Use Permit**

**DATE: 9/26/16**

In our continuing effort to keep township residents & property owners informed of the activities & developments regarding the proposed Star Lake Casino please review the following:

1 – On 9/21/16 the Otter Tail County (OTC) Planning Commission held a public meeting regarding the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) submitted by the White Earth Nation (WEN) which would allow the developer to begin earthwork on the proposed casino development. *The application request was “tabled” by OTC until the Environmental Review Process is completed.* Please follow this link to read the entire minutes of the proceeding, < <http://www.co.otter-tail.mn.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/09212016-447> >.

2 – Multiple citizens expressed concerns regarding the CUP application, some of which were:

- a- Lack of due process insomuch as the environmental review process has not been completed and therefore issuance of any permits would be premature and out of order.
- b- Multiple suggested compliance issues with the OTC Shoreline Management Ordinance which has jurisdiction over the “fee status” land. Some of which included total impervious surface calculations, wetland impacts, historical, cultural, & archeological findings; storm water runoff, the scope of the topographical impact in moving 840,000+ cubic yards of earth/fill, and significant environmental impacts on fish & wildlife, etc..

3- The Planning Commission asked the developer to do the following prior to the next commission meeting:

- a- Consider a redesign of the casino complex further minimizing the ecological & other potential impacts on the highly sensitive environmental area,
- b- Revalidate the impervious surface calculations,
- c- Provide specific information regarding the 100/500 year rain event, i.e. how many inches of rain in a single event will the storm water plan accommodate,
- d- Provide a written response to the public’s comments provided at this hearing.



The town board encourages all interested township residents/land owners to fully participate in these public comment periods. To that point, the public should understand that while the CUP application proceeding was tabled (postponed) the comment period remains open. Written comments should be submitted to Otter Tail County, Land & Resource Dept., ATTN: Bill Kalar, 540 W. Fir, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, email to < [bkalar@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:bkalar@co.ottertail.mn.us) >, 218-998-8095.

Additionally, it should be noted that the public comment period regarding the “Limited Area Star Lake Comprehensive Plan” (LASLCP) is also open until 9/28/16. To provide feedback for this go to the following link < <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LASLCP> >.

Respectfully,

Star Lake Township Board