

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Chair, Bonnie Miller.
Members present: Bonnie Miller, Sandy Beauvais, Bob Hall, Ceceilia Heubner and Alice Hendricks, also present, Rudi Milasich.

The meeting opened with a 15 minute training video regarding Shoreline Setbacks and Buffer requirements provided by Zoning Administrator Bob Hall.

The training video provided information secondary to water quality protection using natural vegetation verses well kept lawns. Aesthetics are a consideration as well as increased impervious surfaces which equals increased water run-off in to the lake. Things to be considered are buffer strips and percent of impervious surfaces allowed on lake front properties or properties where runoff does goes directly into the lake. Of special consideration, Lake Michigan and its ever changing water level. What can we do? Education, regulations, be pro active with adequate setbacks secondary to erosion from high wave action. Planning commission needs to look at regulations we have, revise them as appropriate, work with your neighbors and be proactive in educating the public as to the importance of keeping our lake healthy. The next video will address Capital Improvement Plans.

Minutes July 8, 2014

It was pointed out that at the July 8, 2014 meeting it was Heubener not Bob Hall making the statement. A motion by Heubner, second by Miller to approve the minutes of July, 2014 as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes of September 10, 2014

A motion was made by Beauvais, second by Miller to approve the minutes of September 10, 2014. Motion carried.

Richard Chmura, new owner of the Blue Slipper who presented his ideas for the exterior décor at the September meeting has not been in contact with our Zoning Administrator. Bob Hall indicated that depending on what is proposed and appears, it could be Yard Art or Blight. We will see.

Pubic Comment: None

Old Business

ORV Ordinance presented to the commission from the Township for consideration was discussed. Because there is no way to regulate the situation, members of the commission recommend to the Village Council not to approve the ORV Ordinance.

Terms of Office of the Planning Commission Members. Information from Village Clerk Ruth Hudson was provided but it needs to be updated and that will probably happen after the November election when we will have a new President and council members.

Training Session in Manistee regarding Zoning Ordinances preparation

Miller, Beauvais, Heubner, Hendricks and Hall attended the session. Comments included:

- The new technical advances have made it possible to make zoning ordinances more user friendly in many ways. This is good for those communities who have technical access and funds available.
- Not inclusive for the majority of those present. Only a select few were asked to comment/participate.
- Groups were dominated by self appointed individuals to lead the "discussions" in the smaller individual groups.
- Two of the attendees were not impressed.

Capital Improvement Plans (for next 20 years)

Information was provided the commission members and they were asked to write down what capital improvements they feel the village needs or would be good to have and provide a timeline for each item. We will be looking at this at the next meeting.

New Business

There were some questions regarding **Yard/Garage Sales** that in some instances seem to be ongoing not just one or two days. Do we have an ordinance? Is it enforceable?

On Main Street, (Rt.22) the placement of merchandise on sidewalks in front of businesses is a concern. It can be unsightly and inhibits pedestrian traffic.

Park?

Is there an actual park at the end of Leacrest and Brook? Is it village property? We should take a look at this?

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2014 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Hendricks