

Village of Onekama Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes—APPROVED
5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI 231-889-3171
November 11, 2025

Members present: Chair Christopher Forth, Vice Chair Debby Storms, Tom Foster. Also present: members of the public.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Forth added discussion about accessory buildings to the agenda.

Motion by Foster, seconded by Storms, to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Storms, seconded by Foster, to approve the October 14th draft meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Master Plan—opportunity for public feedback

A member of the audience asked if short-term rentals were included in the Master Plan draft. Forth stated short-term rentals didn't appear to be an issue for the public based on survey answers. Foster confirmed that the Planning Commission's previously prepared and recommended Short-Term Rental zoning ordinance language had been submitted to the Village Council, and suggested the Council was waiting on completion of the Master Plan before addressing the zoning ordinance suggestion.

Foster confirmed he has distributed draft copies of the Master Plan to the Village Council members. The only feedback he's received was regarding the omission of Triangle Park, as well as concern about establishing a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). There was brief discussion about the pros and cons of having a DDA in the Village.

Storms asked about the next steps in the Master Plan process. Forth stated that a representative from the consultant, Community Image Building, will be at the Village Council meeting on November 19, 2025 to give a presentation and answer questions about the Master Plan final draft. The public comment period closes on November 26, 2025 followed by a public hearing, and then formal adoption of the Master Plan final draft.

New Business:

Accessory Building discussion—Forth stated there has been discussion about allowing slightly larger buildings than currently permitted, and larger buildings on larger parcels of land (4+ acres). There was discussion about the current section of the Village Ordinance that pertains to

this matter. Forth to make some draft edits and forward to Foster for sharing with the Council members.

Public Comment: none

Motion to adjourn by Foster, seconded by Storms. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Christopher Forth, Chair
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