

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)
Monday, Feb. 7th, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Location: Farr Center on M22 in Onekama, MI
5283 Main Street (231) 889-3171

Call to order AT 7:02 P.M.

Members present: Nola Teye (Chair), Lara Treemore-Spears (Secretary), Susan Halloran

Minutes from the January 10th meeting approved (Lara moved, Susan 2nd)

Public Comments (3 Minutes) *on agenda items only* – no members of public present

Old Business

1. Planning Commission Membership – Nola suggested that the Village advertise to replace Steve Hall, who resigned, and confirm that Susan Halloran is filling Doug King’s seat. Lara offered to write the ad and coordinate with the clerk to post this opening. Current members are Nola, Lara, Susan, and Val.
2. Fencing Zoning – Send a revised draft of the fence provisions in the zoning ordinance to the Manistee County Planning Department for their comments prior to making recommendations to the Village Council (Susan moved, Nola 2nd, motion carried). The key changes being considered are:
 - Allow chain link and privacy fence, but only in a side yard or rear yard in a location not along the roadside, and with structural components inside the yard (visually appealing on the side facing the public). Chain link fence inserts will not be allowed (the appearance must be open).
 - Allow a fence closer than 15 feet to a road intersection only if the land use permit applicant submits a safety analysis by a Michigan Licensed Professional Engineer that shows no impact to public safety.
 - Allow a standard manufactured fence size of 48” tall, not including post caps.
 - Exempt standard garden wire fencing from land use permitting, if it is 14-gauge or thinner, six feet in height or less, and installed in side or rear yards.
3. Signage & Accessory Building Zoning Work Session – at next month’s meeting, we will discuss desired changes to signage and accessory building zoning.

New Business

1. Set Regular Meeting Schedule for 2022 – The regular meetings for the remainder of 2022 were set for the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be March 8th.
2. Master Plan Review – at next month’s meeting, we will discuss how to divide up the task of reviewing and suggesting revisions to the Master Plan drafted in 2017, in accordance with the State Planning Enabling Act, which requires, “At least every 5 years after adoption of a master plan, a planning commission shall review the master plan and determine whether to commence the procedure to amend the master plan or adopt a new master plan.” The last review documented in meeting minutes was April 2017.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.