

Village of Onekama Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes—DRAFT
5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI 231-889-3171
August 13, 2024

Members present: Vice Chair Debby Storms, Tom Foster, Susan Halloran. Excused absence: Chair Chris Forth.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Storms.

There was no agenda to approve.

The draft minutes from the July meeting will be voted on for approval at the September monthly meeting.

New Business: none

Old Business: none

Public comment:

Greg Carlson of Five Star Real Estate Leaders spoke to the Committee about an email he sent recently regarding how changing some of the current land use ordinance requirements would make it easier for new home construction in the village, addressing the lack of available affordable housing. There was discussion regarding many aspects of the idea, including availability, affordability, size of homes allowed, unintended consequences, availability of acceptable lots to develop on, and long-term vs short-term use.

Resident Nola Teye expressed support, and wondered if there are ways to incentivize owners to develop their properties.

Halloran noted that the ordinance is not updated online, and needs to be addressed.

Carlson also offered comments about sewer access, storm runoff, and construction of road shoulders to direct storm runoff.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Foster, Secretary