

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**  
**5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI, (231) 889-3171**

Call to order 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call – Planning Commission members present: Deborah Storms, Susan Halloran, Val Long, Lara Treemore-Spears, Wendy Kamaloski

Accept/Amend Agenda – Susan moved to accept the agenda as amended, Val 2<sup>nd</sup>ed, all approved.

Minutes Approval – Lara moved, Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>ed, all approved the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, minutes.

Public Comments (3 Minutes) *on agenda items only* – 5 members of the public present; no comments.

New Business

Public Notice for Master Planning – Val moved to send public notice to County Planning, County Board, Onekama Township, MDOT, MCRC and the County bus service, with intent to distribute future communication electronically. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>ed, all approved. Lara will ask Ruth or Roger to send.

Stormwater Management – Reviewed June decision of the ZBA on 4537 Main Street. Discussed stormwater ordinances of Traverse City and East Bay as models for Onekama’s stormwater zoning.

Old Business

Master Plan Review & Revision – Procedures according to the State Planning Enabling Act and County were reviewed. Volunteers came forward to update these sections: Census data – Lara; Smart Growth & Housing – Susan and Nola; Dog-friendliness – Diane Wemlinger; Downtown development – Wendy and Debby.

By Next Meeting – Planning Commission members will: draft three tough questions that could provide for a good community discussion about the overall vision and focus for the Master Plan, so we can decide the meeting format and pick the topics and materials that will be provided; review the Lakes to Land Initiative example documents (<https://www.lakestoland.bria2.net/onakama/>) and Master Plans from other communities available on the Manistee County website (<https://www.manisteecountymi.gov/438/Master-Plans>); review possible use of MSU Extension powerpoints in a public Master Planning process in Onekama (<https://www.livgov.com/plan/Pages/Master-Plan-Public-Participation-Plan.aspx>)

Public Comments (3 Minutes) –

Consider ways to increase jobs and attract young people to maintain a year-round economy.

What does the community overall want here? Shops, restaurants and outside tourism or quiet seasonal retiree-oriented activities?

Play to existing strengths, based on models that are working elsewhere.

Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.