

Village of Onekama Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
5283 Main Street, Onekama, MI 231-889-3171
November 14, 2023

Members present: Chair Christopher Forth, Vice Chair Deborah Storms, Tom Foster, Susan Halloran, Wendy Kamaloski.

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

Motion to accept the agenda as amended by Foster, seconded by Storms. All in favor, motion carried. (Kamaloski arrived late and did not participate in the vote.)

Motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 10, 2023 as presented by Storms, seconded by Foster. All in favor, motion carried. (Kamaloski arrived late and did not participate in the vote.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Off street parking for retail use: Chair Forth stated the current ordinance only requires one parking spot per 900 sq feet of useable retail space for all commercial establishments. The Committee discussed what options there are in terms of whether to continue to require commercial entities to provide off-street parking spaces. Other topics discussed included identifying municipal parking lot locations, installation of wayfinding signs for visitors, landscaped streets to encourage slower driving speeds, changing or amending the parking requirements.

Chair Forth to draft a memo to present to the Village Council explaining what the Planning Commission recommends about parking requirements in the ordinance.

There was discussion about bringing the Village map out of the office and rehanging it in the open room so everyone can see it. Halloran to bring it up at the next Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission attendance and meeting schedule: There was discussion regarding the possibility of cancelling meetings during the snowbird season, and the option of members attending meetings remotely. Chair Forth stated state law only allows Commission members to participate remotely if a member has a disability or is a member of the military. The Commission did not cancel meetings during the first part of 2024. Chair Forth indicated meeting dates could be changed depending on availability of Commission members.

The Committee will meet next on December 12th and January 9th.

Additional public comment: none

Motion to adjourn by Kamaloski, seconded by Forth. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.