

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011, 7 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by 7 p. m. by Vice Chairman Susan Barnard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Al Taylor, Roger Cody, Nancy Story, Secretary Jon Phillips, Doug Mortenson, Tom Koon. Absent: Jim Trout, Craig Peterson. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard and John Iacoangeli, consultant with Beckett & Raeder.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Story, second by Koon to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Medical Marijuana Moratorium under New Business.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA MORATORIUM: Cody and Phillips will prepare a moratorium document to present to the Planning Commission for review, after which the commission will present it to the Township Board for consideration.

ZONING ORDINANCE REWRITE: Iacoangeli told the commission that the main items to consider in the ordinance are site design, special districts, land development, general regulations. He suggested that the group not try to identify every possible scenario, have a general ordinance, develop and tailor the ordinance to what you want. He recommended that a committee of four members from the commission—with different opinions—work on the ordinance chapter by chapter, and bring it back to the planning commission.

Craig Peterson arrived at 8:25 p.m.

The ordinance committee will be Al Taylor, Jim Trout, Tom Koon and Craig Peterson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Election was tabled until the April meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Capital Improvement: Phillips will be in charge of a group to conduct the annual review of the Capital Improvement Program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Vice Chairman Barnard announced that the next meeting on the consideration of the Township and Village possible merger will be Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Farr Center. She also announced that another Wind Energy Community Forum will be Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 3 p. m. in the Pleasanton Valley

Community Center in Arcadia.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Barnard said that the Township and Village have received an award from the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments for “Outstanding Planning Initiative”. Representatives are invited to attend a luncheon hosted by the NWMCOG on April 15 at the Traverse City Holiday Inn, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Attending from the planning commission are Cody and Story.

ADJOURN: 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by
Mary Lou Millard,
Recording Secretary

Susan Barnard, Vice Chairman

Jon Phillips, Secretar