

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022, at Farr Center, 5283 Main Street

Call to order 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Debby Storms, Susan Halloran, Lara Treemore-Spears Planning Commission members present

Accept/Amend Agenda – Lara moved, Susan seconded, all approved

Minutes Approval – Susan moved, Debby seconded, all approved August 2022 minutes

Public Comments (3 Minutes) *on agenda items only* – no public comment

New Business

Portage Lake Overlay Zone Map – Official adoption of the overlay map by Council was not completed when the zoning was updated in 2016. Lara moved that the County Planning Department **schedule a public hearing for 6 p.m. Tuesday October 11th at Farr Center** to align the Portage Lake Overlay Zone Map with its description in the existing zoning ordinance. Debby seconded, all approved. Katie Mehl will complete the public notice process.

Planning Commission Email Policy – Lara moved, Debby 2nded and all approved updating the Planning Commission bylaws to always cc other members on joint emails from the Planning Commission, and allow 48 hours for comment before sending to external parties.

Training for Planning Commission Members – Michigan State University Extension provides a 15-hour course on best practices for planning and zoning, designed for local planning commissioners, Sept-Oct 2022. Lara moved that the **Planning Commission requests Council support for Citizen Planner training currently being offered by MSU Extension for \$250 per person**, up to a total of \$1,000 in 2022. Debby 2nded. All approved.

Old Business

Master Plan Review & Revision

- Consultant services by LIAA were discussed, focusing on Coastal Community Resilience to flooding, erosion and other hazards. The Portage Lake shoreline and the new FEMA flood zone have a dominant influence on future land use in our community, due to increasing storm size, frequency and duration. The economic sustainability of our community therefore depends on sound planning of our coastline. Match funding for LIAA's services is available through December 2022. Lara moved that **Planning Commission requests Council approve spending \$5,000 on planning services by LIAA in October 2022**, to be matched by \$5,000 from the Michigan Coastal Management Program and completed by December 2022. Susan seconded, all approved.
- Mapping services for the Master Plan were discussed. If only minor amendments to the Village's future land use map are desired, then Manistee County Planning could potentially put the 2010 land use map into its GIS system for around \$1,000. The Village will then have an editable map that can be maintained going forward at low cost. Susan moved that **Planning Commission requests Council approve spending up to \$1,000 on Manistee County mapping services for the Master Plan update**. Lara seconded. Resolution roll call vote: Debby - yes, Susan - yes, Lara - yes.

Council Fence Zoning Suggestions – Clarified that chain link without inserts and welded steel should be allowed, and that fences must not have dangerous protrusions. Lara moved, Susan seconded, all approved.

Public Comments (3 Minutes) –

We need open-minded and forward-thinking Master Planning that considers innovative practices such as mixed-use development and balances preservation with economic development, and this requires hiring a planner.

Adjourn 8:08 p.m.