

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonnie Miller at 1:10 p.m.

Present: B. Miller, S. Beauvais, S. Hall, A. Hendricks, R. Milasich

Public Comment: None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of January meeting and February 6, 2017 deferred until the next meeting.

Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Motion by Miller, seconded by Beauvais to elect Hendricks as Secretary, Motion carried.

Motion by Hendricks, seconded by Hall to elect Miller as Chair, Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hendricks to elect Hall as Vice-Chair, Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Search

There have been no responses to advertisements. It was suggested that Kurt Schindler be contacted for possible candidates.

Report from Council Members

Sewer Project – Township et al. How will this affect the Village ? Meister has said it will not affect us. Their proposed pipe goes to the Fair Grounds and will not affect Onekama's system.

Old Business

Sidewalk Ordinance Milasich has been working on it. There are many different issues and opinions. Are sidewalks the responsibility of the village ? Is there a possibility of splitting the cost 50/50 with property owner ? Should maintenance be the responsibility of owner of the property ? What about snow removal which is a visible hazard ? Property owners should be aware that it is a possible liability if snow is removed.

Sidewalk construction costs can be split and some of it can go on their tax bills for a specific number of year.

Act 51 funds are received from the state and one percent should be used for Safe Streets. The Safe Streets program makes streets accessible to all in the community. Milasich is working on this.

Complete Streets Resolution Review – Milasich

After review of the resolution, the members of the commission felt this was a good idea. A motion by Miller, seconded by Hall, recommended to the Village Council to adopt the Complete Streets Resolution. Motion carried.

Master Plan

Milasich provided copies of amendments suggested to date for the commission members to review and comment at the next meeting. Milasich and Hendricks will work on additional revisions and present these to the commission.

Capital Improvement Plan

The members of the commission need to make some recommendations for the Capital Improvement Plan which is required to be part of the Master Plan. Some suggestions were: bath house upgrade, widening sidewalks, Park Pavilion rejuvenation (Lions Club has volunteered to work on this project as a celebration of their 50th Anniversary), beautify Route 22 in the village, benches along the business and park district, trees along Route 22. Basically we need something

to make people stop in the village instead of whizzing down 22. The members agreed these are all good ideas. Miller asked that each member bring at least two suggestions for the Capital Improvement Plan to the next meeting.

White Cloud Master Plan

Copies were provided to the members of the commission for their review.

New Business

Request from S. Schwing: Requested the commission bring to the Council their recommended support of a Business Association on Route 22 and allow public use of artesian well on her Route 22 property across from the lake and possibly install a box for contributions.

The members felt these were good projects but it is not the Planning Commissions place to endorse these projects at that is not a function of the Planning Commission. It is up to the individuals involved to bring their ideas directly to the Village Council during one of their meetings.

Next Meeting dates - all at 1:00 p.m.

Capital Improvement Plan – March 29, 2017

Regular Planning Commission Meeting – May 10, 2017

Regular Planning Commission Meeting – July 12, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Alice E. Hendricks

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