

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014, 7 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Jim Trout.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Al Taylor, Roger Cody, Tom Volkema, Bonnie Miller, Robert Blackmore, Jim Trout.
Absent: Jon Phillips. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

MINUTES: Motion by Cody, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2014 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting with the following correction: In Paragraph 6, last line should read "storage shall be in a side **yard** or **rear** yard." Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Trout read Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot's report: ZBA approved a variance request for Robert Lawrence, 7481 Tarrant St., Parcel # 51-11-530-048-00 to build an addition and a second story on an existing shed. There were 5 Land Use Permits, 1 variance and 1 violation for the month of October.

MASTER PLAN SURVEY UPDATE: Taylor reported the surveys are in and he will determine how to categorize the replies. He is talking to business owners and will meet with them to determine what their concerns and hopes are for Onekama.

ROAD USE/SPECIAL EVENT ORDINANCE: Taylor reported he sent some photos and general information to the Manistee County Visitors Bureau to be included in their publicity for the county.

WIND ENERGY REVISIONS: Trout reported the Township Board approved the proposal to delete the reference to large WESC in the zoning ordinance and in Definitions, and add new WESC definitions under "Definitions" in the ordinance.

FIREWORKS/NOISE ORDINANCE: Trout presented a suggested fireworks amendment to the Township Board to be added to the 2005-2 Onekama Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance Ordinance to reflect state law. The board tabled the issue until April, 2015 to see if the state changes the law.

LANGLAND PARK GRANT APPLICATION: A decision is due in the early part of December.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE: Taylor reported the Watershed group is going to work on a master plan for wetlands, for protection of that property. The group is working on a "Winterfest" the week following Valentine's Day. It may include a turkey dinner by the Girl Scouts, antique snowmobile races, other winter activities. The event would raise funds for the fireworks display. Jamie Meister is in charge of the event. Other local groups will be a part of the event.

“CHRISTMAS IN ONEKAMA: Sponsored by the PLA, the event will be Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in high school. Crafts, bake sales, a chili cook-off, and a silent auction for decorated trees are highlights.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Trout reminded the planners that the last minute of 2014 will be Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the township hall.

ADJOURN: 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard

Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Jon Phillips (Absent)