

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015, 7 P.M.**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Jon Phillips, Bonnie Miller, Robert Blackmore, Tom Volkema. Absent: Al Taylor and Roger Cody.

**MINUTES: Motion** by Phillips, second by Volkema to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA:** Portage Lake Harbor Commission--“No Wake” signs.

**PORTAGE LAKE HARBOR COMMISSION--“NO WAKE SIGNS”:** Consensus to have Blackmore ask the Harbor Commission to obtain the signs including the design, wording and purchase.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Trout read Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot’s report: Two Land Use Permits issued for the month of June; she and Blackmore attended a webinar for the latest on the Right to Farm Act and Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices.

**MASTER PLAN UPDATE:** Trout reported that Taylor will sort and tally the results of the Master Plan Survey.

**TOWNSHIP PARKS SUGGESTED RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The commission was requested by the township board to review a proposed sample ordinance from the Regional Risk Manager of the Municipal Underwriters of Michigan (PAR PLAN), the township’s insurance company. Suggestions for a proposed ordinance include prohibition of camping, glass bottles, open fires. Also place trash barrels in parks. Park only in designated areas; list hours that the parks can be used. The suggestions will be referred to the township board.

**REVIEW WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE ON: FAST INTERNET SERVICE INCREASES HOME**

**DESIRABILITY AND SALES POTENTIAL:** The commission discussed the article which points out that more house buyers are choosing where to live based on availability of high-speed networks. They also discussed the broadband availability, which could be useful in Onekama.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**ADJOURN:** 7:45 P.M.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard, Recording Secretary

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Jim Trout, Chairman

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Tom Volkema, Secretary