

**VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bonnie Miller at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Bonnie Miller, Sandy Beauvais, Rudy Milasich, Alice Hendricks and Zoning Administrator, Bob Hall.

Public Comment: None

Minutes of November 11, 2015

A motion was made by Beauvais, second by Miller, to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015, with the correction of two typos. The motion carried.

Training Seminars: Bob Hall commented on training session regarding planning commission responsibilities.

- Awareness of sequence for passing and amending ordinances
- Clarity when amending by indicating what exactly is being deleted and added
- Obtain legal review
- Consider if enforcement is within available resources
- Need court cooperation for compliance
- Proper definitions are a must.

Bonnie Miller and Sandy Beauvais attended a seminar regarding Streetscapes.

Bonnie and Sandy felt that previous changes made years ago along Rt. 22 were not all good. The road was widened, trees were all removed and sidewalks not all replaced. Basically our main street is not walking friendly. Village streets with sidewalks are not maintained. The question is who is responsible for maintaining them, property owners or the municipality? The sidewalks are deteriorating often with a 2 inch difference from one slab to another which creates a tripping or falling hazard? Who is liable?

Zoning Administrator's requests

- Training is needed regarding their responsibilities, one of which is, with the Village council providing an annual Capital Improvement Plan.
- Need fines and enforcement regarding Junk and or Blight Ordinances.
- Possibly a Property Maintenance Code (See White Cloud's ordinance)
- Police Power
- Precise language enforcement language is required e.g. MCL and include who needs to be in compliance, penalty clause and legal guidance.

Old Business

- Sign: Requested modifications were made regarding the time the message moves. It is now slower, solid for 15 seconds. Rudi Suggested possibly consider future sign ordinance changes prohibit free standing tall lighted signs. Review 8002 A in zoning ordinance
- Impervious surfaces 1017 – no progress

- Building Height on Accessory Buildings 1006 and 7004 – Tabled until January 1016
- Ord 42 is good but center needs editing
- Enforcement Ordinance – Rudi will work on
- Property Maintenance Code (White Cloud), obtain from ZA.
- Building Heights: Discussion regarding 5 1/2 ft or 6 1/2 feet. Tabled until next meeting
- Impervious surfaces, no progress. See 1017. Tabled until next meeting
- Marina tabled until next meeting.

#### New Business

- County Park and Recreation Plan – A public marina remains in plan for the Onekama Community. This is from the Community Master plan (being revised) and possibly in the current Onekama Community Parks and Recreation plan. This draft needs to be reviewed by all members and comments presented quickly.
- CIP - Commission needs input from Village Council and commission members.
- Planning Commission needs additional members ...

**Next Planning Commission Meeting: January 13, at 1 pm.**

Next Master Plan Meeting TO BE DETERMINED

Respectfully submitted,

Alice E. Hendricks