

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION
COMMUNITY UPDATE OF MASTER PLAN AND
REGULAR MEETING 7 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2010, FARR CENTER**

The Annual Report of the Community Master Plan was presented by Planning Commission Chairman Dan Behring at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 15 in the Farr Center.

Using a power point presentation, he discussed critical directives and initiatives detailed in the Community Master Plan, explained goals and strategies by areas including economic development, land use, water quality management, Portage Lake Watershed, human infrastructure, community connectivity, biodiversity and natural ecosystems. Implementation strategies for 2009-2014 were outlined. Also included in the report is a “nuts and bolts” of the plan crafted by the community and a map showing land recently acquired by the Township Board from the DNRE.

The complete report is attached to the original document of these minutes.

The regular planning commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Behring at 8:20 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Roger Cody, Doug Mortenson, Nancy Story, Jon Phillips, Craig Peterson, Tom Koon. Absent: Susan Barnard. Also present: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler and Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Cody, second by Peterson, to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Under New Business, add Complete Streets; under Unfinished business, add Report to Township Board and Wetlands Purchase.

WETLANDS PURCHASE AND NEXT STEP: Behring said the township board has acquired 196 lots from the DNRE at a cost of \$7,040. He asked about requesting that the board charge the Parks and Recreation Committee with creating a process for development of the new land as a natural preserve. **Motion** by Cody, second by Mortenson, that the planning commission recommend to the Township Board that the new property be officially designated as a park and be placed under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

BIKE PATH AROUND THE LAKE: Behring discussed the possibility of bike paths and perhaps get M-22 designated as a bike path. Peterson will represent the planning commission and work with Doug Callaway of the Community Development Committee on the bike path project and also on the broadband project.

PLANNERS MOMENT DVD VIDEO SERIES: Behring explained the video series designed to help planning and zoning officials. It also includes supplementary resource materials, including the “Introduction to Smart Growth. It is offered by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments. Behring received approval for use of this program from the Township Clerk Helen Mathieu.

POPULATION TRENDS: The commissioners reviewed a memo from County Planner Sue Wagner regarding 2009 Population Estimates for Manistee County, showing an increase or decrease in population. Onekama Township is among the townships showing a decrease; Onekama Village also shows a decrease.

COMPLETE STREETS: Behring distributed an article on “Complete Streets” for the commissioners to review. Consensus of the commission was to review the article as a possible option for the village to consider.

ZONING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler reported the committee is refining the “Definitions” section of the ordinance, and other work also continues.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Schindler submitted her report for the month of June; placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard,
Recording Secretary

Dan Behring, Chairman

Jon Phillips, Secretary