

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2014, 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: Al Taylor, Jon Phillips, Bonnie Miller, Tom Volkema. Absent: Robert Blackmore, Roger Cody.

MINUTES: **Motion** by Volkema, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2014 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMDS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

NOISE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR FIREWORKS: Resident Jim Moody Said Michigan State University Extension is developing an informational and educational program, "Michigan Firewise Program" to help residents understand the dangers of fires and what they can do to help protect themselves and the land. Jed Jaworski is the Northwest Michigan Field Assistant for the program. Resident Tad Duemler discussed the fire hazards and noise of fireworks being shot off on residential streets in Onekama Township and on Michigan beaches. He asked the planning commission to consider placing signage pointing out Michigan law prohibits shooting fireworks on public beaches and private property. **Motion** by Trout, second by Taylor to have the planning chairman develop language and address the concerns regarding fireworks in the Township, specifically including time and place for use of the fireworks, and to bring it back to the Planning Commission for consideration at the October meeting . Motion carried.

ROAD USE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS: Trout reported after discussions with Township Attorney Tom Grier on the commission's draft ordinance covering this topic, it was suggested he meet with County Road Commission Manager Mark Sohlden. Sohlden will discuss the draft ordinance with the Road Commission and Road Commission Attorney Richard Wilson. Trout will discuss a positive action and approach to the issue with the Township Board.

TRAINING WORKSHOP: Volkema and Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot will attend a training workshop Monday, Sept. 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Manistee City Hall.

SURVEY UPDATE: Taylor reported numerous surveys have been received and he is working to have a "Monkey Survey" collate the data.

CAMPGROUNDS: Trout reported that "transient campgrounds", as opposed to "trailer parks", are covered and permitted in CR-1 and AG-1, under the current Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m., followed by the planning commission's regular meeting. The hearing is to discuss and correct specific minor items of miswording and conflicting language found in the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard

Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Jon Phillips, Secretary