

ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012, 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Trout.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Al Taylor, Charlotte Straight, Susan Barnard, Roger Cody, Tom Koon, Bonnie Miller. Absent: Doug Mortenson, Craig Peterson. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard, Township Board members present: Supervisor David Meister, Clerk Helen Mathieu, Trustees James Wisniski and Bob Blackmore. Others: Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary Tom Gerhardt.

MINUTES: Motion by Trout, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2012 Regular Meeting with the following correction: on Page 5, change “2012” to “2013”. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: None.

PPI/NORTHWOODS DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REVOCATION STATUS: (Note: Barnard recused herself from this discussion at 6:40 p.m. because of a conflict of interest).

Trout then explained that he extended the time limit to Jan. 2, 2013-- which PPI/Northwoods managing partner Mike DeVoe agreed to in writing-- to submit his application for a Special Use Amendment to the commission. If no request to amend is received by the close of business Jan. 2, 2013, the revocation action previously taken by the Planning Commission but held in abeyance, is in place and in effect immediately, with the required legal notice of the revocation action published in the newspaper at the earliest opportunity.

Motion by Cody, second by Miller that the deadline for DeVoe to comply with the Special Use Permit deadline has been amended to be the end of the business day on Jan. 2, 2013, instead of Dec. 9, 2012. Roll call vote: Al Taylor, yes; Charlotte Straight, yes; Roger Cody, yes; Bonnie Miller, yes; Tom Koon, yes; Jim Trout, yes. Absent: Craig Peterson and Doug Mortenson. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP ZONING AND ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS: The township officials in attendance and planning commission had a lengthy and detailed discussion of part of the suggested zoning ordinance amendments. Many issues were discussed, suggestions made and some questions resolved. Among the items under discussion were Driveways, Fences, Sidewalks and Patios, Location of Accessory Buildings and Structures, Hunting Blinds, Storage of Recreational Equipment and Trailers. The planning commission will prepare a corrected and revised draft which will be presented to the Township Board, Planning Commission members, and others for preliminary review before scheduling a public meeting on adopting the suggested amendments.

PARKS & RECREATION: Millard, vice chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, told commissioners that the Michigan Natural Recourses Trust Fund awarded a \$97,000 grant to the Onekama Village Park. The proposal for Langland Park was not funded partly because the village scored higher and the Trust Fund Board was attempting to spread funding geographically. The recommendation for the grant now is placed into appropriations legislation which must be enacted by the Legislature. Then, projects are approved by the State Administrative Board. Agreements are typically distributed in early spring.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard
Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Charlotte Straight, Secretary