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ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011, 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Susan Barnard at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Al Taylor, Roger Cody, Nancy Story, Craig Peterson, Jon Phillips, Tom Koon, Doug Mortenson. Absent: Jim Trout. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

Peterson left the meeting as he was called to a fire run.

MINUTES: Motion by Story, second by Koon to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: None.

SUPERVISOR DAVID MEISTER: Supervisor Meister explained the Standard Industrial Code to the members. He also discussed their work on combining the township and village zoning ordinances into one ordinance. He said he would like to see a more user friendly document and pointed out that anything that the state already controls, such as oil wells, should come out of the ordinance. He also suggested that the wind turbine section of the ordinance may have to re-visited since the height of the turbines has changed.

Barnard reported that she had sent letters to Meister and Village Council President Bob Blackmore, seeking input from both the township board and village council members on issues they believe should be looked at in the preparation of the ordinance.

Peterson returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

WIND ENERGY INITIATIVE GRANT: Barnard was asked to represent the township and meet with representatives of five other townships to seek a grant to answer questions on wind energy at an "Understanding Wind Initiative" forum to be hosted and coordinated by the Alliance for Economic Success.
Phillips said he plans to attend an educational seminar, "Wind Energy in Michigan: An Educational Seminar Series"" sponsored by the Great Lakes Renewable Energy

Association and West Shore Community College from 7 to 9 p. m. Tuesday, February 8 at the college.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: Barnard announce that the Alliance for Economic Success received a $34,000 grant on behalf of the Portage Lake Watershed Council to design and complete preliminary engineering studies at the parks and public access sites in Onekama Township.

ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW: Discussion centered on the village and township ordinances and the draft ordinance prepared by John Iacoangeli of Beckett & Raeder. Members will prepare questions for Iacoangeli, to be submitted to Barnard by Feb. 28. She will forward the questions to Iacoangeli and request that he attend the commission's meeting on March 17 for discussion and answers.

CORRESPONDENCE:
None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received from Tom Gerhardt.

ADJOURN: 9:03 P.M.

Submitted by Mary Lou Millard,
Recording Secretary

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Susan Barnard, Acting Chairman Jon Phillips, Secretary