

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016, 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, Roger Cody, Beata Hunt, Helen Mathieu, Tom Volkema.

MINUTES: Motion by Mathieu, second by Volkema to approve the minutes of the Sept. 1 Public Hearing and Special Meeting. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add: Schedule a Public Hearing and Special Meeting on Additional Ordinance Changes; Letter of Support; Mass Gathering Ordinance; Update on M-22 Scenic highway; Update on DNR Launch, Update on Watershed Plan, all under New Business.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Trout read Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot's report: Six Land Use Permits issued for month of August; no variance applications, no violations; public hearing and Special meeting scheduled for Sept. 1.

PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING: A public hearing followed by the regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 in the township hall. The regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

UPDATE ON BOARD ACTION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES; UPDATE ON RETAINING EXPERTS FOR PPI PROPOSED STUDY: Trout said the board approved ordinance changes recommended by the planning commission and approved hiring experts for the proposed PPI study. The board also questioned creating an escrow account.

UPDATE ON WATERSHED PLAN: Taylor said the Watershed group is applying for a grant to update the Watershed Plan.

DNR LAUNCH UPDATE: Taylor reported the Land Trust will be asked to provide information on how to improve the grant application for higher points. He said in discussion of the lease agreement, the DNR wants the township to have 67 parking spaces in a paved parking lot. The township can't pave these, but will pave the necessary spots—EG: spaces for the handicapped. There is still "no escape" clause in the lease agreement.

M-22 SCENIC HIGHWAY: Taylor said M-DOT told the committee to prepare for a ribbon-cutting ceremony sometime in October.

MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE: Mathieu reported that at the Manistee County Summit Meeting, Cleon Township presented a Mass Gathering Ordinance their township is considering, and suggested other townships might want to review it and do the same thing.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Consensus of the planning commission to have Trout prepare a letter of support to the DNR seeking removal of the dune on the west edge of the Langland Park parking lot, and distribute it to other organizations to have them send a letter also.

HARBOR COMMISSION: Taylor said the Portage Lake Harbor Commission received an \$800,000 grant to start work on the channel pierheads. About \$250,000 goes to the Army Corps of Engineers to come up with solutions to the problem.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard

Recording Secretary

Jim Trout

Tom Volkema, Secretary