

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011, 6:30 P.M.**

A training session on watersheds and protection of water was held prior to the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Jim Trout.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

MINUTES: Motion by Phillips, second by Moretenson to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ITENS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Annual Update of Master Plan under Unfinished Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Three Land Use Permits were issued; Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot received approval to take the Citizens Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning online course.

TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING UPDATE: Trout reported the board heard a presentation on Safe Routes to Schools by Onekama School Supt. Kevin Hughes.

CERT PROGRAM: Trout discussed the CERT program in which citizens can receive training to assist the fire department as it responds to emergency situations.

Trout also distributed information on "Government Immunity" explaining "What is Immunity?" and what it involves for a government agency.

UPDATE OF MASTER PLAN: Taylor discussed the Master Plan and a possible update needed. **Motion** by Taylor, second by Cody to seek and accept input from community groups, and accept suggestions in writing for an update of the Master Plan. Motion carried.

PARKS & RECREATION/LANGLAND PARK: Phillips explained the possibility of placing a wall at the northwest corner of the parking lot, which is deteriorating, clean the parking lot to the edge of the guard rail, marking the parking lot with designated parking space lines. He said Trout has talked with DNR officials and with a five year permit, the

work can be done. Maintenance of the project would be necessary, to keep the property at the proper grade level.

Tom Koon arrived at 7:55 p.m.

ZONING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Trout reported on the committee's "positive" meeting with Consultant John Iacoangeli, which was to address concerns of the committee and discuss feedback with community residents. Iacoangeli will prepare a printed copy with a table of contents and hopes to meet with the committee between Christmas and New Year's; then the copies will be distributed to the commissioners.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: Cody discussed the medical marijuana information seminar he attended and said the issues seem to have complexities. He recommended that the commissioners continue to watch the legalities. He said planners will need to address this issue in March and also address some zoning before the moratorium expires.

MULTI-TOWNSHIP COLLABORATIVE MASTER PLAN: Barnard reported the collaborative team has met for interviews with consultants. The team will work with townships that do not have master plans. She said the collaborative may involve between six and fourteen townships. **Motion** by Phillips, second by Koon to approach the Township Board and ask for approval and support for Barnard to continue as a member of the Multi-Township Collaborative Master Plan. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Phillips reported that area residents will receive a questionnaire in the mail from a company pursuing the idea of broadband internet in the township. The company needs the feedback, he said.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by
Mary Lou Millard
Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Nancy Story, Secretary

