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ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 2015, 7P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Tom Volkema, Jon Phillips, Al Taylor, Roger Cody, Robert Blackmore, Bonnie Miller.

MINUTES: Motion by Cody, second by Phillips, to accept the minutes of the Dec. 18, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Langland Park Update under Unfinished Business; add Shoreline Protection Ordinance under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Trout reported for Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot: Four Land Use Permits issued. A public hearing on a rear setback variance request for Barbara Anderson of 8921 Juniper Way is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2 p.m. at the township hall. Philpot attended workshop on "Intro to Shoreline Zoning" in Manistee.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE: Taylor reported he received 267 responses to the survey. Consensus of the commission is to contact the high school to see if students can help tally the surveys. Taylor said the commission would need Beckett & Raeder's help in updating the maps. He said the village council and township board need to pass a resolution to extend the deadline to March, 2016 for updating the Master Plan. This would permit the commission to continue to operate under the existing Master Plan.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE UPDATE: Trout reported the township board has decided to table the project for now.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016:

Motion by Blackmore, second by Cody to nominate Jim Trout as chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Blackmore to nominate Al Taylor as vice chairman. Motion carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Blackmore to nominate Tom Volkema as secretary. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ORDINANCE ON "NO WAKE" ZONE RESTRICTIONS ON PORTAGE LAKE: Trout explained procedures the DNR uses to approve watercraft rules for lakes under the Marine Safety Act. He said a "no wake" is a speed sufficient to navigate a vessel safely in a "no wake" within 100 to 150 feet of shore. Consensus of the commission is to develop language for a "no wake" within 100 to 150 feet of

shores and docks and present the information at the May meeting. Among stakeholders to receive the input are the village, marinas, Portage Lake Harbor Commission and Manistee County Sport Fishermen.

LANGLAND PARK UPDATE: Taylor reported the grants have been issued from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund to Onekama and Arcadia. There will be a meeting of both township project representatives to determine if there is a way to cooperate to have-- for example-- joint contractors, engineers, etc. for the projects. Onekama Township's project team is Taylor from the Planning Commission, Phillips from Parks & Recreation , Phil Joseph, chairman of the Explore the Shores Committee and James Wisniski, Township Trustee.

Taylor said the project work will include a boardwalk, bathrooms, parking lot, well, electrical and Mobi mats. He said the grant will provide \$261,000; the township's match is \$83,000 (Clarification: The Contract –Res. No. 2014-06 states the match is \$87,000); two civic groups have each pledged \$5,000. Taylor said the first item needed is a defined scope; the second is a cost estimate.

COUNTY- WIDE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE: Phillips said the group will be writing a five-year county-wide plan, which would help obtain grants to create a county-wide walking trail.

SHORELINE PROTECTION ORDINANCE: Taylor asked the planners to work with the Watershed group to come up with proposals for shoreline protection on Portage Lake. Cody will be the planning commission's liaison to work with the Watershed on a proposed ordinance. The goal is to have a draft ordinance by December, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADJOURN: 9:05 p.m.

MEETING RE-OPENED: 9:12 p.m.

KAYAK LAUNCH: Trout discussed the Kayak Launch Resolution approved by the township board at its April 7, 2015 meeting. He inspected the kayak launch facility being installed at Arcadia. He was impressed with the launch, ramp and durability of its construction.

ADJOURN: 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard, Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Jon Phillips, Secretary