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**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Roger Cody, Susan Barnard, Doug Mortenson, Nancy Story, Jon Phillips.
Absent: Craig Peterson, Tom Koon. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

MINUTES: Motion by Cody, second by Barnard to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Disincorporation (Consolidation) of Village under Unfinished Business. Add Explore the Shores/Leadership Team report, Planning Conference, under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Received and placed on file.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Trout reported the township was asked by the planning commission about mowing secondary roads; township said the road commission has no money for this. He also discussed septic inspections with the board. The board approved the Capital Improvement Program.

ZONING ORDINANCE PROGRESS REPORT: Trout reported that the draft of the proposed ordinance will be available for planners' review Sept. 23.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION: Story reported that several communities have extended their moratorium. Trout said under the law you can't buy or sell marijuana, dispensaries are illegal. The case goes to the appeals court next. Consensus to continue with the moratorium in Onekama Township.

WIND ENERGY STUDY GROUP: Trout distributed a memo on considerations in developing a wind energy ordinance for Onekama Township and referred to the RIGA Township/Lenawee County (MI) Ordinance for planners to review. He said the RIGA Ordinance addresses all or most factors the township planners have to consider.

CONSOLIDATION: Village Council President Bob Blackmore told the commission that signatures on a petition are in and verified in order to go to the next step, which is a resolution that must be passed by the village council, requesting the issue be placed on an election ballot. He explained the process and procedures in order to continue.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: Al Taylor reported on the Community Access Site Leadership Team's work in helping to design the township's parks for the future. Conceptual drawings of the 6 parks

pinpointed as priority parks will be available either at Farr Center of the school media center for the public to look at. Public input is sought by the team.

PLANNERS' CONFERENCE: Trout announced that a conference for planning commissioners will be held from Wednesday, Oct. 19 through Friday, Oct. 21 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids. The conference includes numerous classes on issues dealt with by planning and zoning officials. Registrations are due to the clerk by Sept. 26.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:50 p. m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard,
Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Nancy Story, Secretary