

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 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, Bonnie Miller, Tom Volkema, and Robert Blackmore. Absent: Roger Cody. Also present: Recording Secretary Mary Lou Millard.

MINUTES: Motion by Miller, second by Blackmore to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2014 Public Hearing and Meeting. Motion carried. **Motion** by Volkema, second by Miller to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2014 Regular Meeting. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Use of non-motorized vehicles on roads in township, seismic testing, both under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ROB CARSON, MANISTEE COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR: The director described a proposed county-wide recreational plan his department is working on with the Alliance for Economic Success. He said data is being gathered from numerous informational sources and topics to develop a database which would provide information on all facilities in the county. These would include parks, marinas, land and water trails, recreational sites and facilities available. This information when completed would be available county-wide.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: In the absence of Zoning Administrator Kris Philpot, Trout reported two land use permits issued in May. He also reported the Zoning Board of Appeals denied a variance for a request from Dennis Krolczyk to set aside the limit on the number of accessory buildings mandated by Section 1019(A) 6 of the Onekama Township Zoning Ordinance to allow a second garage to be built on his property.

SUP UPDATE: Trout reported the SUP has been approved and is awaiting a signature by PPI owner Bob Gezon.

GARDEN SHEDS: Trout asked planners if ordinance Section 1029 needed to be "tweaked" to address the number of garden sheds allowed on parcels. Consensus is to take this up during subsequent meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

For their information, Trout told the planners about the following topics:

---T.C.Zoning Issue: Trout told the planners of an issue in the T.C. Old Town District where a developer wanted to build four houses on three lots with a common driveway. It failed by one vote.

---Public Marinas: Clinch Park is asking for an exception to State marina funding rules. The marina is currently operating in deficit due to State program requirements regarding availability of transient slips, a condition of operation when accepting funding from State accounts, which is how this marina was financed. Manistee Marina has some financial deficit issues, too.

---“Shopping Dock”: Trout asked what about a “shopping dock” , like one in Charlevoix, to allow transient boaters to pull in, eat in town, shop and then depart. No overnight docking.

Seismic Testing: Trout discussed a letter he received from resident Ted Lawrence of the Wick-a-Te-Wah Subdivision, questioning the Planning Commission’s involvement in and knowledge of seismic testing being done on M-22 and Crescent Beach Road. Consensus of the commission to refer the matter and any response to Supervisor David Meister.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

---Master Plan Committee: Taylor said a survey for the Master Plan Update will be included for residents in their tax bills.

Taylor also reported on the county road commission meeting he attended to discuss a solution for use of non-motorized vehicles, including skateboards, on area roads. He proposed a permit or policy system, and/or an ordinance specifically delineating Township authority in this area. No action was taken by the road commission. Consensus of the commission to pursue developing an ordinance to allow non-motorized vehicles the use of township roads under certain circumstances as approved by the township board. Taylor will present a sample ordinance for the planners’ reference.

ADJOURN: 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by
Mary Lou Millard,
Recording Secretary

Jim Trout, Chairman

Jon Phillips, Secretary

Date