

**ONEKAMA COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012, 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, Susan Barnard, Tom Koon, Craig Peterson, Doug Mortenson, Roger Cody. Also present was new member Charlotte Straight, who was sworn in by Township Clerk Helen Mathieu. New member Bonnie Miller had an excused absence and will be sworn in at the May meeting.

MINUTES: Motion by Cody, second by Peterson to approve the Dec. 15, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: Add Goals, before Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Cody, second by Peterson to nominate Trout as chairman. Taylor motioned the nominations be closed, second by Cody. Motion for Chairman carried.

Motion by Trout, second by Cody to nominate Barnard as Vice Chairman. Taylor motioned the nominations be closed, second by Cody. Motion for Vice Chairman carried.

Motion by Koon, second by Cody to nominate Straight as Secretary. Taylor motioned the nominations be closed, second by Cody. Motion for Secretary carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Trout reported for zoning Administrator Kris Philpot: three Land Use Permits, no Violations for March. ZBA hearing April 11 for Rick Willinger for a variance to set aside the requirements for a minor private road and allow use of a "double access" shared driveway.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION: The commissioners reviewed and discussed the Livonia Zoning Ordinance and also other issues involved with a Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance. The conclusion: **Motion** by Cody, second by Mortenson to recommend to the Township Board and Village Council that they adopt the Medical Marijuana Ordinance as follows: "Uses for medical marijuana enterprises or purposes that are contrary to federal, state or local laws or ordinances are prohibited." Motion carried.

WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE: The commission reviewed Section 12 of the Ordinance, and agreed to seek legal counsel regarding some language in the section. They also discussed Article 2 A. under Wind Energy Conversion Systems-Large Wind Energy Conversion System to add in the definition ::"and is less than 500 feet".

ZONING ORDINANCE PROGRESS REPORT: Taylor reported the committee is trying to match the old and new ordinances with the master plan. Restrictions on landscape, street design have been taken out or modified. The proposed Community Ordinance now has an index, table of contents and a definition section. Mining and gas issues have been removed. Among other issues under discussion: riparian rights, decks, silt fences, percentage of hardcover area, an overlay district in the M-22 Corridor in Rural Residential and specifications for such a district.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

GOALS: Place on agenda for the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

ADJOURN: 8:58 p.m.

Submitted by
Mary Lou Millard
Recording Secretary

Charlotte Straight, Secretary

Date

