

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008, 7 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. By chairman Dan Behring.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members present: Dennis Wickstrom, Vice Chairman jim Mrozinski, Rudy Gross, Secretary Mary Lou Millard, Roland Clement, Phil Joseph and Zoning Administrator Dana Schindler.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Clement, second by Mrozinski to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2008 public hearing and regular meeting with the following correction: change Onekama Township website to "Onekama.Info" Motion carried.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT: Clement reported the township has purchased a parcel of property on Main Street for back taxes, which may be utilized for a township museum. He and Supervisor David Meister attended a meeting with the Department of Agriculture National Government regarding its grant/loan program; the county is going to a new treasurer's program; the board is considering what can be done to expand the township office building.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Zoning administrator Schindler reported for the month of May: four land use permits, two boundary adjustments issued; one complaint and two violations are being checked. She also reported on: the Gilbert case, which, in a consent agreement, permits the Gilberts to place a temporary opaque shield on the walkway; Onekama Shores: The DEQ has permitted one dock for three homes-part of the dock is permanent, part of it is seasonal. Schindler also reported on the village zoning activities.

It was the consensus of the commission that the Publications Committee create an informational memo regarding what permits are needed to build in Onekama, and to insert it into the tax notice, mail to realtors, contractors.

ZONING ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Clement reported the committee has 12 or 13 items to review and will meet Monday, June 23 at 2:30 P. M. to prioritize the items. He discussed what needs to be done regarding the new planning and zoning enabling acts; zoning ordinance amendment is being reviewed by the county planning commission and should be on the township board's July agenda.

NATURAL RESOURCES: Joseph reported he has gathered the data and will begin working on the project.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS: Needs a chairman.

PUBLICATIONS: Millard reported the website is up and running and listed some of the topics on it.

JOINT MASTER PLAN: Behring listed the following as members of the Leadership Team; Bob Wangbichler, Margaret Panches, Dan Behring, Bon Hensel, Susan Barnard, Beth McCarthy, Bob Wendt, David Meister, Evie McNeil, Bob Evans and Scott Johnston. The next Vision Session will be Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Farr Center. A separate focus group for students will be Thursday, July 17 at 4 p.m. at the Township Hall.

PRESSING NEEDS: Behring asked members to review and focus on the pressing needs list and the outcome of a recent workshop. He said the “pressing needs list will direct us as planners”.

WATERFRONT RESORT COMPLEX: Behring discussed the definition of a waterfront resort complex.

TRAINING PROGRAM: Schindler reported on the Citizen Planner Training Program to be conducted this fall. The cost would be approximately \$395 per person and leads to a Master Planner designation. The program will be for six weeks on Wednesday evenings at the county road commission building. Twenty participants are needed in order to have the program conducted locally.

Clement also reported on the training workshop he attended for the new enabling act. He recommended the planning commission’s by-laws say every commissioner should have some training at workshops. He said the new act suggests members should, if possible, represent different areas of interest in the community; the planning commission and zoning board of appeals by-laws will need to be changed; there is a “to do” list for the new laws.

Behring asked the commission to review the “to do” list for discussion at the July meeting.

JULY MEETING DATE: The meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, July 22 at 7 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURN: 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by

Mary Lou Millard, Secretary

Dan Behring, Chairman

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