

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

March 3, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town of Omro Web Page and the posting board at the Omro Town Hall. It was mailed to the Omro Herald and the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Present: Commissioners Bruce Roskom, Brian Noe, Barbara Meyers, Joy Schwarz, Larry Remer, Phil Ertmer, and Allen Silverthorn.

Chairman Bruce Roskom called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approve Minutes:

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022. Joy Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements and Reports:

No announcements or reports.

Discussion/Informational Items

1. Hwy 21 Corridor Study: Brian Noe reported that the Town Board approved using ITT funds to perform a study of the Hwy 21 Corridor and that UWO is willing to corroborate with us to gather the information. He reported that \$2,600 has been returned from the County to help fund the study.

2. Parks and Recreation: The Planning Commission devoted the entire meeting to defining and discussing the needs of the parks in the Town of Omro. A work sheet was distributed to each commissioner for the purpose of recording current conditions and the needs (current and future) of each park.

Schnyder/Wendt:

Current maintenance needs: Mow walking paths during the summer, replace two park benches, consider widening the current path, and prune along the wooded parts of the path. Jeff Meyers is currently mowing this park.

Future needs: Expand the walking trail. Replace the observation decks when necessary.

John Priske:

Current maintenance needs: Re-establish and mow the old path through the woods, mow a path from the street to the stand of trees and mow the grass on the southern end of the park.

Future needs: Consider enlarging the width of the walking trail to accommodate a larger mower and to allow better access. Establish a playground, install benches.

The maintenance of the parks was discussed in depth; the pros and cons of who would perform the

duties were hashed out and three of seven options identified by the worksheet were eliminated. The commissioners determined that Winnebago County should be contacted to assist with maintenance on Priske Park. Volunteer workers and Public Service groups were eliminated as choices for regular maintenance since they have proven to be inconsistent and unreliable. Chairman Roskom suggested that a schedule be established for summer cutting and maintenance. The commissioners concluded that they need more familiarity with both parks to be able to better assess their needs, present and future. The Planning Commission indicated that it would be appropriate for them to refamiliarize themselves with the parks by doing an on-site visit and to bring this item back to the next Planning Commission meeting for additional discussion and to establish recommendations to the Town Board in this regard.

Also discussed were the maintenance needs (who, when, how) of the wildflower area at the Town Hall and the Walking/Biking trail along Leonard Pt. Road.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to adjourn. Allen Silverthorn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes by

Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary