

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

May 4, 2017

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 Chris Musha, Rich Kern, Brian Noe, Larry Remer, Joy Schwarz, Barbara Meyers, Tom Tuschl.

Chairman Tom Tuschl called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approve Minutes

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to approve the minutes of April 6th, 2017. Joy Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements and Reports

- Larry Remer was appointed to the Planning Commission for his first night of service.
- Dan Clark CUP still tabled by the Town Board.
- CSMs were approved by the Town Board for both Steve Harnitz and Tim Zilges.
- Corey Gay Variance was denied by Winnebago County.
- Joy Schwarz is reappointed as a Planning Commissioner.
- The Shadow line policies in the Comprehensive Plan will not be enforced by the Town Board.
- May 22nd training workshop registration fees for PC were approved by the Town Board.
- Open Book – Assessors -May 8, 2017, 10-Noon.
- Chris Musha reported for the Town's Park and Recreation Committee. Items mentioned were: Rock picking and trail marking events occurred in April at Priske Park; Poison Ivy and wet ground must be addressed; it would be prudent to post “No Hunting” signs in Priske and Schnyder/Wendt Parks; and the new gate has been installed at Schnyder/Wendt Park.

Organization of the Planning Commission

Rich Kern nominated Brian Noe to serve as Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission for another term. MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to close nominations for Vice Chairman for Planning Commission and to cast an anonymous ballot to elect Brian Noe to Vice Chairman. Larry Remer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Tuschl expressed his desire to retire from his position as Chair of the PC in the near future. Tom reminded the Commissioners of their responsibilities with the following:

- To avoid violating “Open Meeting” laws, commissioners must not discuss agenda items when a quorum is present, except at meetings.

- Commissioners may recuse themselves of an agenda item if it affects them personally.
- When asked about agenda items outside of meetings, a commissioner should report the Commission's stand.
- When considering how to decide an issue, ask, “Has the regulation been met?”
- Due Diligence on issues and regulations- maybe even view site ahead of the meeting alone or as a group.
- We are advisory to the Board only.
- We are trying to help citizens and property owners utilize their property to its maximum potential.

MOTION: Tom Tuschl moved to continue this discussion another 15 minutes. Brian Noe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Take people at their word.
- Preserve rural look of Township
- Please use town email when communicating with Tom.

Also discussed was the Future Land Use Plan map—Is a new survey needed?
Pay and mileage of the commissioners was reviewed.

May 22nd Workshop

Travel plans for the workshop were discussed.

Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Rich Kern discussed his changes to chapter 3 of the Plan. A new playground has been started in Our Park. Brian Noe stated that the town has 36 acres of parks but more would be desirable as the town population grows.

Adjournment

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to adjourn. Chris Musha seconded the motion. Motion carried.
This meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M..

Minutes by
Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary