

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

January 5, 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 Glenn Anklam, Rich Kern, Brian Noe, Wayne Schmick, Joy Schwarz, Barbara Meyers, and Tom Tuschl.

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

Approve Minutes

MOTION: Wayne Schmick moved to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016. Rich Kern seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements and Reports

- Cheryl Gardner was appointed the position of Recording Secretary.
- At the December 19, 2016 Town Board meeting, the following items were approved: the variance for McNulty, the Certified Survey Map for Ziegenhagen, the CSM for Excel Properties, LLC, and the permission to change the cul-de-sac on Cornhusk Lane.
- The Nominating Caucus will be held Saturday, January 14, at 11:00 A.M.
- The assisted living facility proposed for Omro Township will locate elsewhere.
- 2017 Mileage reimbursement for Town business will be 53.5¢.
- Spring primaries will be Tuesday, February 21st and the election will be April 4th.
- Chris Musha, Parks and Recreation Committee, provided a picture of the nearly-completed observation deck at Schnyder/Wendt Park, built by the Eagle Scouts.

Public Comment

Wayne Schmick reported positive feedback on Schnyder/Wendt Park.

Discussion of Parks & Recreation Sub-Committee Responsibilities

The committee presented their 2016 Summary of the Town's parks. This included: the ongoing goals of finding ways to fund projects, the Friends of the Park's role in completing work, keeping the Town Park web page updated, starting a Memorial Tree/bench program, and

extending a survey to the residents of Omro Township for input on future development.

The completed goals of Priske Park were listed which include a sign at the park entrance and the prairie planting of the 3 west acres.

The continuing goals for Schnyder/Wendt Park are to develop a finance plan for trail maintenance and to relocate the gate. Chris Musha stated that he is ready to install the cable gate when the ground thaws in the spring.

The 2017 goals of the two parks was discussed. For Priske Park, a trail system will be cut through the prairie and wooded areas. The prairie growth will be monitored as well. Brian Noe raised concerns about how to do this safely and responsibly with volunteer help. For Schnyder/Wendt Park, future goals are to maintain the trails and develop a plan to control invasive species.

Discussion of policy for creating shadow divisions in parcel splits

A discussion of shadow divisions and their intent resulted in the following motion.

MOTION: Wayne Schmick moved to recommend that the Town Board withhold enforcement of Rural Preservation Area Rule 5, H11. Rich Kern seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Review of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (COR) Plan

Tom Tuschl reported that the Winnebago County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has been completed. He displayed the map of their plans.

MOTION: Rich Kern moved to table this discussion to the February 2nd meeting. Glenn Anklam seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: Wayne Schmick moved to adjourn. Glenn Anklam seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes by
Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary