

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

July 6, 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, 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 June 8, 2017. Chris Musha seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Announcements and Reports

- Town board took no action on joining the NPRA
- Tom reported receiving several calls regarding storage buildings
- A map of the potential second phase of Sandhill Farms was distributed to commissioners
- Parks and Recreation:

Chris Musha reported on the current park improvement activities. Discussion followed concerning the algae growth in the pond in Schnyder/Wendt Park, clarifying the park's hours of operation with a new sign, and general maintenance. The P and R Committee is making plans to cut trails, build some boardwalks, and implement poison ivy control in Priske Park.

MOTION: Rich Kern moved to approve up to \$300 be spent to pay WCC workers to cut trails in Priske Park. Joy Schwarz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Chris Musha moved that action be taken to make a sledding hill out of piles of dirt left in the front meadow in Schnyder/Wendt Park. Barbara Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Review of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Chapters 4 and 5 of the COR plan were reviewed by Rich Kern and brought to the table. The commissioners felt that the national standards given in the Plan's tables do not fit the Town of Omro's needs. Also, Tom would like to see the tables in the plan represent the names of each park, their size and their facilities. In addition, he wants to have a map showing the trails which were dedicated in lieu of parkland dedication.

MOTION: Tom Tuschl moved to continue the discussion of the COR Plan for another 30 minutes. Brian Noe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOTION: Rich Kern moved to table the NPRA membership application decision to January 2018. Barbara Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### Regulating Hunting in Town of Omro Parks

Tom Tuschl opened the discussion by asking the question, “What is our motivation for regulating hunting in the Town's parks?” A town resident, Karen Packman, 5168 Sand Pit Lane, expressed her concern that some gun owners and hunters do not exercise caution on their own land, and may not in a Town park. Cheryl Gardner, 5115 David Dr., asked if it was reasonable to allow hunting in a public park when it represents a very small percentage of the available land for hunting in the township. The discussion continued with questions regarding safety, our ability to regulate, and the DNR's rules for overseeing a public town park. Brian Noe cautioned that limiting hunting may also limit the amount of grant money the Town is eligible for in the future.

MOTION: Tom Tuschl moved to continue the hunting regulation discussion. Brian Noe seconded the motion. Motion failed.

#### Assessing Distribution of Documents

Tom Tuschl verified that each commissioner's document library was current and that the electronic format was working for them.

#### Adjournment

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to adjourn. Rich Kern seconded the motion. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes by  
Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary