

Onekama Township Planning Commission

Monthly Meeting minutes—DRAFT

December 21, 2023 7:00p

Members present: Vice Chair Dave Wallace, Secretary Jean Capper, Commissioner Chris Forth, Commissioner Rob Johnson. By telephone: Commissioner Beata Hunt. Absent: Commissioner Al Taylor.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00p by Vice Chair Wallace.

Changes to the agenda: Vice Chair Wallace announced that due to a serious illness in the family, Bob Gezon would not be attending the meeting that night. Discussion regarding the Portage Point Inn's SUP would be tabled for the night. Therefore, the old business portion of the night's agenda would be deleted.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Commissioner Capper, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. AIF, motion carried.

Motion to approve the November 16th meeting minutes as presented by Commissioner Forth, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. AIF, motion carried.

Public comment:

A question was asked regarding a previous statement by Zoning Administrator Lynch that the Portage Point Inn was under both an SUP and a PUD. Vice Chair Wallace stated there has been no documentation found so far regarding where a PUD was asked for or approved.

A question was asked regarding why Planning Commission meetings are not available on Zoom yet. Vice Chair Wallace explained the Commission does not have the required technology nor training at this time.

A question was asked regarding the meeting schedule of the Planning Commission for the winter months.

New Business:

Election of Officers—Due to Chair Trout's recent passing and Secretary Capper's resignation as secretary, officer positions on the Planning Commission were open.

Motion to nominate the following slate of people to fill the open officer positions: Dave Wallace as Chair, Jean Capper as Vice Chair, and Beata Hunt as Secretary by Commissioner Forth, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. AIF, motion carried.

Commissioner comments:

Commissioner Forth and Vice Chair Capper stated they are available in January for a meeting should Mr. Gezon be ready to reschedule then. Chair Wallace and Secretary Hunt will also be available. Commissioner Johnson will be gone for a week in January.

Public comment:

A follow-up question was asked regarding if Mr. Gezon has provided a findings of fact document to the Commission. Chair Wallace stated he has not seen anything from Mr. Gezon as of yet.

A question was asked regarding the timing of the election of officers during this meeting. It was stated that all three positions had been open and needed to be filled at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.

_____Chair

_____Recording Secretary

Submitted by Michelle Swanson, Recording Secretary