

Onekama Township

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State Parks & Recreation
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SUBJECT: DNR BOAT RAMP IN ONEKAMA

State Parks & Recreation,

The Township of Onekama and the Harbor Commission work very hard at keeping the DNR boat ramp area on Portage Lake with safety in mind. The launch area is a high traffic launch throughout the summer as more and more boaters migrate there when the Village Park launch is full.

With this in mind it has been brought to the attention of the Township Board and the Harbor Commission that with the low water levels, the length of the pier and the length of the ramp are too short for boats over fourteen (14) feet in length. When loading/unloading a boat over the 14'-0" in length, it extends past the pier. Thus, making it harder to load/offload people, load/offload from a trailer, or fight any winds that may be present when handling the extra rope needed in extending the boats in the process. The ramp is too short as well, as trucks are getting stuck in the water, when trying to load their boats. This is creating a safety hazard.

The Onekama Township Board and the Harbor Commission would like to ask for the DNR Launch pier and ramp to be extended to eliminate these safety hazards. This would benefit those Manistee County residents and visitors who fish and boat on Portage Lake. It is also asked for the completion of the asphalt paving to the existing road, from the East of Fairway.

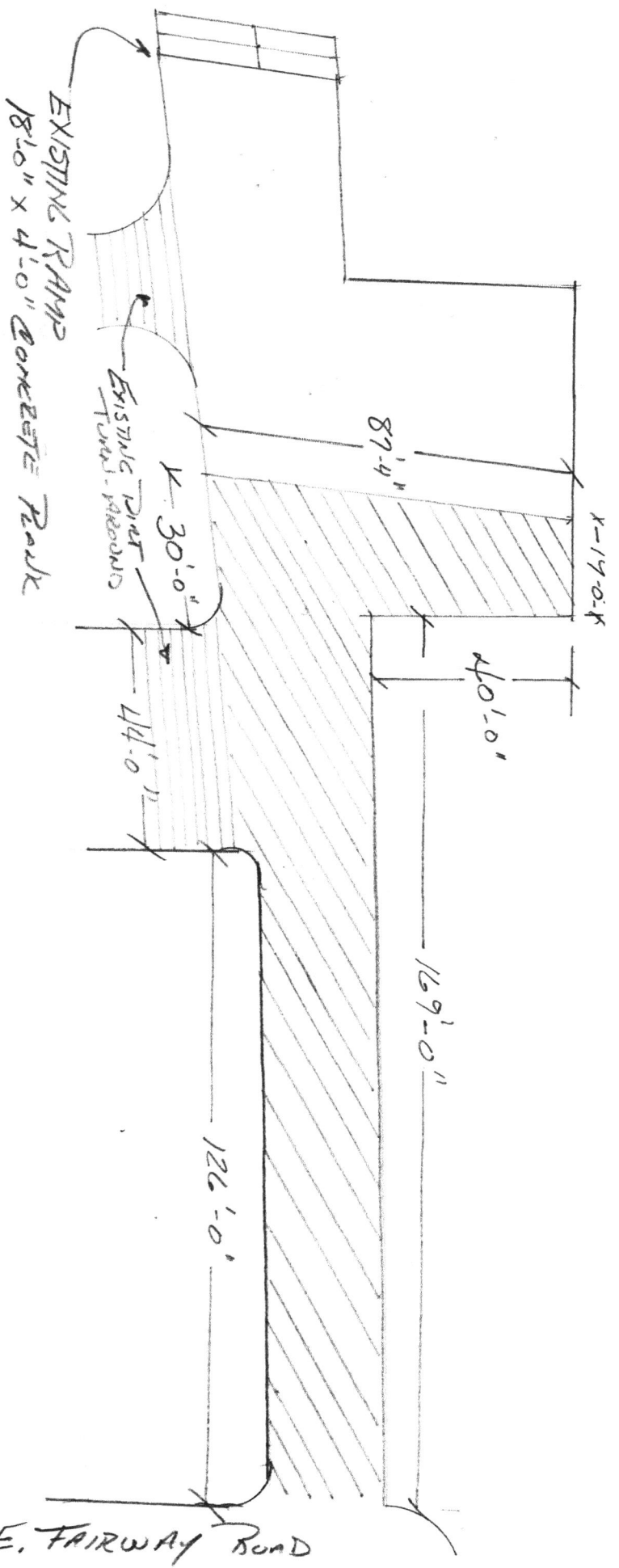
Any questions or concerns that you may have can be directed to myself at phone number 231-889-3308 Ext 201, or email address: clerk@onekamatwp.org.

Thank you for your time and attention to the matter.

Sincerely,



David Meister
Supervisor
Onekama Township



NORTH
SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"

NOTES

1. CROSS HATCH INDICATES NEW ASPHALT & BASE
2. NON CROSS HATCH INDICATES EXISTING 4" ASPHALT
3. EXISTING PIER SHOULD BE LENGTHENED TO 40'-0"
4. EXISTING RAMP PAVK SHOULD BE REMOVED & INSPECTED,
5. NEW RAMP SHOULD BE INSTALLED TO REMAIN 48'-0"