

Town of Oakland
Plan Commission meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022

Members Present: Chairman Brian Conley, Mary Brill, Sandee Pease, and Sandy Waletzko. Stanley Dzikonski was absent.

Called to order at 2:30 p.m. by BC. The meeting was posted and a quorum was present making the meeting legal. Minutes of meeting on October 10, were reviewed. Motion to accept minutes by MB, seconded by SP, and passed on a voice vote.

Correspondence: Information received from the Town of Highland Plan Commission concerning review of the Douglas County Campground Ordinance. That information was used in discussing proposed campground ordinance changes.

Lake Access Ordinance: Work continued on the development of an ordinance tabled from the last meeting. The town board wants an ordinance that would cover usage of town owned land/lake access lanes. BC and SP did research at the county courthouse on registered lake plats to identify locations of the access lanes for Dowling and Lyman Lakes. Members looked at lake maps showing platted areas. Some plats on Dowling dated back to 100 years ago which raises questions as to their accuracy. Questions also remained about some land that may have been designated as a small public wayside pull-offs. BC was unable to complete his research at the courthouse on Lyman Lake and will do so before the next meeting. An access on Lyman Lake had come before the town board in July 2013. While still on lake plat, BC said he wondered if that had been vacated. He will look for old records on the matter and contact former Town Chairman, Bob Warner. Aerial photographs show the area being used for personal use. Members continued discussion on how to describe access lanes and whether to write a general ordinance to cover both lakes or make it lake specific. Consensus was to work on Dowling Lake first before addressing Lyman Lake. SP stated the commission needed to decide what the goal and purpose was for the ordinance. She will work on a purpose statement.

Road Closure Ordinance Revisions: SP will continue to work on getting the 2012 Road Closure Ordinance updated. She sent members draft of the purpose statement for review. The ordinance review was tabled until the next meeting.

Douglas County Campground Ordinance: MB had sent commission members information on proposed revisions to the county campground ordinance which the county will review on December 6. The Zoning Committee will review town's input in preparing their draft set for approval in January. The town board is asked to comment on what would be best for towns and was given options to consider. Members reviewed the options provided concerning campground sizes, classifications, and regulations. They discussed the outline of concerns that MB provided and made some suggestions. Motion by SW, second by MB, to recommend adoption of the more restrictive option. Motion passed on a voice vote. MB will prepare a comment sheet for the town board to use if they adopt the commission recommendations.

Plan Commission Website: BC reported that he is adding town plats to the website as a resource for residents.

Next Plan Meeting: Following the regular schedule of meeting just before the town board, the next plan commission meeting will be December 12, at 2:30 pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by MB, seconded by SP. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
Recorded by: SW