

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 27, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wascher at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Acting Secretary John Archer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Bruff, Gary Burk, Tracy Butcher, Jack Davis, Gregg Guetschow, Amy Six-King, Linda Robertson, and William Wascher

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Greenway, Ronald Baker, Richard Snow, and Robert Teich.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and supported by Commissioner Guetschow to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2005 as presented.

AYES: All, Motion Carried.

NAYS:

COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Austin Condominium Association petition strongly opposed to walking bridge across the Shiawassee River with access to the bridge through the Austin Condo street.

Rick Morris, 1229 Willow Street, asked if the Owosso Parks Commission survey was used to help develop this proposed parks' master plan.

Phil Hathaway, Community Development Director, said yes.

Rick Morris also asked if the City of Owosso would try to link up with the Shiawassee, Clinton & Ionia Rails to Trails west of Owosso

Phil Hathaway commented that John Archer, Building Official, was researching possible routes through the city to link up with the James Minor Bike Path along the river.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

SITE PLANS:

100 BLOCK OF N. BALL STREET PARKING BAYS

It was moved by Commissioner Bruff and supported by Commissioner Davis to approve proposed plan with a recommendation to bump out the curb to the west (towards Ball St.) on the northeast corner of the intersection of Ball & Main Streets. This would be similar to the southeast corner of this same intersection.

AYES: 8. Motion carried.

NAYS:

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

REVIEW OF 2006 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Phil Hathaway reviewed the proposed Parks Master Plan page by page. The plan was prepared according to the guidelines of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Planning Commission members made various comments and recommendations. Phil is to make the various changes and bring the plan back at a later date after Council directs the Commission to advertise the plan as a chapter of the City's Master Plan according to the planning enabling act for cities and villages.

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ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Davis and supported by Commissioner Robertson to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: All, Motion Carried

NAYS:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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John Archer
Acting Secretary