

Town of Oriental Planning Board Meeting
April 29, 2008

The Oriental Planning Board met on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Oriental Town Hall. Present were board members Creighton, Marlowe, Miller Olson, and Stevens. Also present were Parks & Rec Committee members Cordes, Midyette, Venturi; Commissioner Cox and five members of the public.

Chairman Olson opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEETING MINUTES REVIEW -

MOTION: Mr. Marlowe made a motion to approve the March 25, 2008 minutes. Second by Mr. Miller. Vote 5-0.

PARKS & REC COMMITTEE – Committee members gave an update on the various projects they are working on:

1. Bike Path from White Farm Road to Whittaker Point Road.
2. Working with the County to find more green space for ball fields and seeking grant money to put lights at the Rec Park.
3. Info Boards – Since the need for the boards has been established, the Committee is looking to purchase sturdier, more weather resistant boards.
4. Park Maintenance – The Committee performs yearly inspections of all the parks and advises the Public Works Department of any repairs that need to be made.

After discussing matters with the Planning Board, the Parks & Rec Committee agreed to work on documenting their plans which will become part of an Oriental comprehensive plan.

STORM WATER RULES MEETING UPDATE – Mr. Olson gave a recap of the meeting held in Bayboro on April 21 with Mr. Tom Reeder of the Division of Water.

COMMUNITY GOALS SCORECARD – Mr. Olson attended a workshop entitled ‘Coastal Community Planning and Development’ and within the packet he received was a questionnaire which the Board proceeded to fill out. The purpose of the scorecard is to provide “a tool to help communities evaluate how existing policies and regulations facilitate developing in a way that supports their economic, environmental and community goals.”

HWY 55 OVERLAY LANGUAGE - Discussion on creating the overlay district continued. It was agreed to revisit the roof pitch requirements at a later date. Mr. Miller agreed to work with the Tree Board to develop the landscape buffer requirements of the potential overlay district. It was agreed the Board will revisit the proposed language and be prepared for a possible motion at the next meeting.

PROJECTS FOR ROB WILL - The Board agreed that Rob Will has been very helpful in the development of zoning education and with the development of language for new ordinances. It

was agreed that we will continue to have need for his services on the projects Mr. Cutler documented. Mr. Cutler confirmed that Board that Mr. Will's contract will be renewed.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

PUBLIC INPUT - Mrs. Sage suggested the Board go to 'www.smartgrowth.org' for a wealth of information. Ms. Penkava asked about the added cost to businesses to comply with the roof pitch requirements.

REVIEW OF LAND USE PERMITS ISSUED – Joe McGovern, covered porch.

REVIEW OF SIGN PERMITS ISSUED - None

MOTION: Mr. Marlowe made the motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Miller. Vote 5-0

Meeting ended at 9:10 pm

Chairman

Recording Secretary