

Rome Township Planning Commission - Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2018

I. Call to order:

Mike Griffith, Chairman called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:00 pm at the Rome Township Hall – 9344 Forrister Road - Adrian, MI 49221. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

II. Roll call:

Present: Leo Oswald, Mike Griffith, Jeff Elwell, Pat Bournes, and Kevin Fisher

Absent: Harvey Warrick

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to approve January 25th minutes by Kevin, 2nd by Leo, motion carried

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Lonny Horst

Motion to approve today's agenda by Jeff, 2nd by Leo, motion carried

V. Reports:

Township Board – Leo informed the PC that Phil Schaedler was present at the Board Meeting on February 8th to discuss Medical Marijuana. It was informational and he provided the Ordinance from the MTA. The Poverty Exemption will be reviewed this year. The Board met with Brenda Burkett and hired her for the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer, replacing Rick Arnold who is resigning effective Feb 28th.

Zoning Officer – Brenda Burkett was introduced to the Planning Commission Board members.

Zoning Board of Appeals – No Report

VI. Order of Business:

1. Marijuana Ordinance- Further discussion on the topic of licensing Marijuana facilities. All agree that we need to understand how the residents of Rome Twp feel about facilities. It's agreed the best avenue is to have a Public Hearing.
2. Lonny Horst submitted an application for Special Use at 9045 US 223 Adrian, MI. The Use will be for a Field Service Tire Shop. It was explained that a Public Hearing is required.
3. A Motion was made by Pat Bournes to hold a Public Hearing on the topic of Marijuana Facilities, 2nd by Kevin Fisher. Motion Carried.
4. A Motion was made by Pat Bournes to hold a Public Hearing on the topic of Lonny Horst's Special Use application, 2nd by Kevin Fisher. Motion Carried.

Robin Robertson will submit the Public Hearing notice to the newspaper.

VII. Public Comment:

There was much conversation in general on the topic of Marijuana Facilities. Information of how it's operated in other states, cities and townships. Opinions expressed in several directions.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:30 pm by Leo Oswald, 2nd by Jeff Elwell, - meeting adjourned
Next Regular Meeting and a Public Hearing to be held March 22, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: *Robin Robertson, Secretary*

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman


