

**Rome Township Planning Commission**  
**Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes**  
**March 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: Mike Griffith, Kevin Fisher, Leo Oswald, Jeff Elwell, Pat Bourmes & Harvey Warrick

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

Motion to approve February 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes by Pat, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leo, motion carried

**IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda:**

Motion to accept the Agenda without additions by Leo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, motion carried

**V. Reports:**

Township Board – Leo reported the Board approved to move forward with a Customer Service counter in the Twp Hall. Also adopted a Resolution for Board of Review Poverty Exemption

Zoning Officer – Brenda Burkett not present (ZBA Training class)

Zoning Board of Appeals – No Report

**VI. Order of Business:**

Election of Officers: Mike Griffith, Chairman and Kevin Fisher, Vice Chairman nominated to continue their roles. Motion by Leo and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion carried.

**VII. Public Hearing Item #1 - (Published March 6<sup>th</sup> in The Telegram)**

Motion to Close Regular Meeting at 7:15 pm by Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat, Motion carried.

Motion to Open Public Hearing at 7:15 pm by Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat, Motion carried.

Topic: Special Use permit submitted by Lonnie Horst at 9045 US 223 Adrian, MI for a field service tire shop. Neighbors present asked about business hours, Mr. Horst states normal daytime business hours unless his service is needed in the field. No further concerns presented.

Motion to Close Public Hearing at 7:20 pm by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

Motion to Open Regular Meeting at 7:20 pm Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

Motion to grant Special Use by Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat. Mike called for a Roll Call Vote:

Kevin-Yes, Mike-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Jeff-Yes, Pat-Yes, Leo-Yes, Special Use approved.

**VIII. Public Hearing Item #2 – (Published March 6<sup>th</sup> in The Telegram):**

Motion to Close Regular Meeting at 7:22 pm by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat, Motion carried.

Motion to Open Public Hearing at 7:22 pm by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin, Motion carried.

Topic: Medical Marijuana Facilities-

Phil Schaedler, Twp Attorney attended meeting to be available to answer questions from the public and PC. There was 7 public attendees and the questions were minimal. No objections were put forth to the Planning Board. After revisiting previous conversations about the process, the Planning Commission is in favor of Medical Marijuana Facility licensing to be available in Rome Township.

If the request is accepted by the Township Board, the Planning Commission will involve the Township attorney Phil Schaedler to provide the Ordinance and or final rules to be put in place. These minutes will serve as the request to the Township Board to “OPT IN” as a Township that allows Marijuana Facilities. The Planning Board understands the responsibility will fall upon their own decisions of the Zoning requirements, if any and how to implement the licensing process. Upon completion, the PC will return the option for final approval back to the Township Board.

Motion to Close Public Hearing at 7:50 pm by Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

Motion to Open Regular Meeting at 7:50 pm Jeff, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat

A Motion was made Jeff and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harvey to ask the Township Board to “Opt In” to the State of Michigan which will allow Medical Marijuana Facilities in Rome Township.

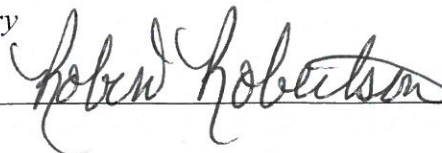
Kevin-Yes, Mike-Yes, Harvey-Yes, Jeff-Yes, Pat-Yes, Leo-Yes, Special Use approved.

Next Regular Meeting to be held April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn @ 8:05 pm by Leo Oswald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Fisher - meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by: *Robin Robertson, Secretary*

Minutes approved by: ~~Mike Griffith, Chairman~~

  
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