

I. Call to order:

Mike Griffith, Chairman called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7pm 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, Kevin Fisher, and Jack Griffes
Absent: Sheri Wilt (noticed Secretary that she would not be in attendance)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to approve 21 Nov 2019 minutes by Kevin, 2nd by Jeff , motion passed.

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda: none

Motion to approve agenda by Kevin, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.

V. Reports:

- Township Board – Special Mtg will be next Thursday to review police power ordinances 7pm
- Zoning Officer – Permit approved for ground mounted solar panels. // Complaint was received about a home run business but she found no evidence of a sign or equipment outside - no need for action. // Complaint of a farmer mining sand - he actually was doing manure management mixing sand and manure and also building a farm lane for better access on his own property - no action needed. // Question posed by Brenda to Planning Commission about whether or not she needs to fill out a complaint form when a complaint is investigated. Answer given was that she should fill out a complaint form to keep records but if the complaint was simply investigated and found to require no action then there was no need for signature on form - in such cases the complaint form would simply be used for keeping records in the event the resident making complaint later claimed their complaint was ignored and not investigated.
- Zoning Board of Appeals – None
- Planning Board Commission - None

VI. Order of Business:

Review Ordinances - Leo spoke about two types of ordinances (1) Zoning - land use (2) Police powers. He had handed out a handout. Leo stated that ordinances need to cite the applicable State Statute. 2018 Zoning Ordinance book cites P.A. 110 of 2006 in the opening paragraph - this leaves a question - does that correctly and fully cover the requirement? Or does each Article perhaps require the applicable Michigan law or code or statute to be cited?

Discussion ensued about old amendments with different numbering than current ordinance book. Kevin found where one cited amendment was included in 2018 Ordinance book using a different numbering scheme but citing effective date. Conclusion of discussion was that 2018 Ordinance book had included all the amendments, etc. and that was what we needed to review per our training a few months ago.

With Jack as reader we read aloud and reviewed from 2018 Zoning Ordinance book beginning at Article One and stopping at the end of Article Three Section 3.30. Corrections needed were put in red pen in Jack's copy. Review will continue next meeting beginning at Article Four - Agricultural Estates District, AE. pg 13

Errors noted in 2018 Zoning Ordinance book which need to be corrected;

1. Article Two Section 2.10 third sentence "highwaymen" needs to be corrected to "highways"
2. Article Three Section 3.10 B 15 end of sentence "15.05" needs to be corrected to "15.55"
3. Article Three Section 3.10 B 18 we suggest it should read "Communication Towers as defined in Section 11.75"

Marijuana Ordinance - Township opted out of Recreational Marijuana earlier in 2019. Discussion ensued. Jeff suggested we work on a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Leo said he believes the township needs two ordinances - one for Recreational Marijuana and another for Medical Marijuana.

VII. Public Comment: Brenda - suggested that in our township we should prohibit stacking of licenses within our township so we discouraged large marijuana facilities.

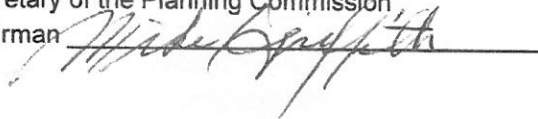
VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:57 pm by Jeff , 2nd by Pat - motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned

Meeting to be held 4th Thursday 27 February 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jack Griffes, Secretary of the Planning Commission

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Griffith", is written over a horizontal line.