

Rome Township Planning Commission - Special Meeting Minutes - 19 Nov 2020
(Thanksgiving falls on 4th Thursday of November which is Regular Meeting time)

I. Call to order:

Mike Griffith, Chairman called the Special 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: Sheri Wilt, Mike Griffith, Robert Apoian, MD, Pat Bourne, and Jack Griffes

Absent: Leo Oswald, Kevin Fisher (harvesting crops)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to approve 22 Oct 2020 minutes by Pat, 2nd by Rob, motion passed.

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda: none

Motion to approve agenda by Pat, 2nd by Sheri. Motion carried.

V. Reports:

-Township Board – rep not present to make report

-Zoning Officer – a few complaints due to blight, reported on those with court proceedings advancing. Also mentioned that there have been noise complaints but we have no noise ordinance (shooting or loud radio). Phil has been working with a resident with property on Shepherd Road about either moving junk vehicles out of Rome township or far back off road - it is quite a project because trees are growing up through some.

-Zoning Board of Appeals – none

-Planning Board Commission - none

VI. Order of Business:

[Review the 3 Sample Ordinances given to the Planning Commission at our last meeting by Phil \(Twp attorney\) relative to Medical and Recreational Marihuana facilities and businesses.](#)

[Per 22 Oct 2020 minutes](#) “Attorney said if the Planning Commission gave him feedback on 19 Nov 2020 then he would ensure he went through it and got us back his input so we could look it over during December and have something ready to go in January.”

Regarding “Ordinance to Amend”

Moved to change buffer zone distance to 500 ft by Sherry, seconded by Rob. Motion carried

Moved by Rob to add “lockable gate” into section on Security Fencing. Seconded by Sheri. Motion passed.

~~Moved by Jack to allow use of existing buildings on existing properties which were built in compliance with the required 25 foot set back from side property boundaries. All new construction for marihuana business/facility need to be a minimum of 50 feet from front, back, and side boundaries. Seconded by Sheri. Motion passed.~~

Moved by Jack to allow use of existing buildings on existing properties which were built in compliance with the required 25 foot set back from side property boundaries and to allow

additions to existing buildings converted to medical or recreational marijuana use as long as the addition does not violate the 25 ft side set back nor the 50 ft front and back set back requirements. All construction of entirely new buildings for marijuana business/facility need to be a minimum of 50 feet from front, back, and side boundaries. Seconded by Sheri. Motion passed.

Sheri moved to strike the first motion regarding allowance of existing buildings on existing properties which did not include provision for additions to said structures. Rob seconded. Motion passed. (Strikethrough of text was added to ensure understanding of what was struck.)

Moved by Jack to allow 8 foot Chain Link Security Fence topped with razor wire or barbed wire to serve as the visual screen with opaque slats top to bottom of the chain link fence to block view . The security fence must include a lockable gate also of chain link fence with view blocking slats topped with razor wire or barbed wire. Seconded by Sheri. Motion passed.

Moved by Jack to allow other options for visual screening if the business owner wishes to use a screen separate from the required 8 ft Chain Link Security fence. Seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

End of modifications to amendment ordinance.

Begin modifications to Recreational Marijuana Establishments. ordinance.

Moved by Jack to add facility numbers previously decided upon. Seconded by Rob. Motion passed.

Moved by Sheri to strike out line 3 from Section VI from both medical and recreational ordinances to eliminate every day being a new offense. Seconded by Pat. Motion passed.

Planning Commission changes to be emailed to Phil (Twp attorney) adratty@comcast.net by Jack.

VII. Public Comment:

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 9:20pm by Rob , 2nd by Sheri - motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned

Meeting to be held 4th Thursday 28 January 2021 @ 7:00 pm

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

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman _____