

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: Sheri Wilt, Leo Oswald, Mike Griffith, Jeff Elwell, Pat Bournes, and Jack Griffes

Absent: Kevin Fisher (contacted Secretary in advance - farming)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to approve 27 Aug 2020 minutes by Pat, 2nd by Jeff, motion passed.

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda: none

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

V. Reports:

-Township Board – Clerk to provide all township officials with password, etc. for training; the Board discussed but took no action on the idea of users of Fire Dept being billed under certain circumstances such as when home health care or family assistance should be first option rather than use of public emergency services at taxpayer expense and when people have insurance coverage; Marijuana ordinances - there was a long discussion and Leo thought that Robin sent the Medical Marijuana ordinance (approved by Planning Commission with Public Hearing held long ago) over to Phil (attorney) for yet another review because of the time lapse. Jeff asked Leo if he had the Cambridge Twp ordinance(s) regarding marijuana which he did not.

-Zoning Officer – presented members with a sample ordinance for Kennel Permit Ordinance to review. Leo pointed out the need to cite the State Law which allows township to make the ordinance. Talked about existing Violations - pre-trial for Miller and Mueller were scheduled to occur a short while ago but Brenda was not notified until the last moment and was not able to change work plans at last moment. Brenda (Zoning Officer) needs to talk to Phil (attorney) and request prior notice.

-Zoning Board of Appeals – none - but noted that MTA magazine said that anyone who voted on it in Planning Commission could not vote in Zoning Board of Appeals - Leo said he would copy page and bring to Planning Commission - this suggests that Zoning Board of Appeals may need to be an entirely separate entity from the Planning Commission. Further investigation is indicated.

-Planning Board Commission - none

VI. Order of Business:

Reminder - **Special Meeting 7pm MONDAY 5 Oct 2020 - Public Hearings** - one for Adam Hinde, RidePro LLC, and another for Thomas Rupley. Township Clerk reports that public notices have been completed in the newspaper and by letter to the neighbors of those seeking special use permits. ----- Discussion regarding paying for Special Meeting via using Planning Commission Budget funds which were not used during early portion of Pandemic.

Continue with Review of Ordinances from where we left off 25 June 2020 - Next up for review is Article Ten - Industrial Districts, I pg. 29 (time did not allow work on this at this meeting)

Marhjuana Ordinance - Chris Bayles made editing changes per Planning Commission suggestions and then Jack Griffes made the Sample Recreational Marihuana Ordinance available via Google Docs to all Planning Commission members with internet access so they could suggest edits on 8 Sept 2020. --- Note that there are TWO ordinances being discussed back and forth - one regards Medical Marihuana and the other regards Recreational Marihuana which are covered under different Michigan Law - please avoid confusion as discussion flips from one to the other - either spelling of marijuana or marihuana may be used with federal law typically using the "h" spelling version. At this meeting there was discussion regarding the Medical Marihuana Ordinance which the Planning Commission forwarded to the Township Board after a Public Hearing a good while back and the Board directed Robin (Clerk) to have Twp Attorney (Phil) to review it yet again due to the time lapse. The Planning Commission believes the Township Board and Township Attorney are dragging their feet and stalling on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Members of the Planning Commission wondered aloud if we need a new Township Attorney to avoid the pattern of delay? Some issues were reported at this meeting regarding editing access granted 8 Sept 2020 to the shared Google Doc of Sample Recreational Marijuana ordinance - these issues were hopefully were resolved by adding a new gmail address as shared with edit rights. Sheri ran home to print a hard copy. There was talk of a projector which Twp owned which could broadcast from computer to a screen - this was used at old Twp Hall. Tax revenue which comes back to Twp is greater for Recreational Marijuana than Medical Marijuana. Jeff noted a crime report involving Highwire (marijuana facility) and Pat Bournes noted that several other businesses which were not marijuana related were also broke into. We had trouble with very slow printing of the Sample Recreational Marijuana Ordinance both at Hall and at Sheri's house. Jeff put forward questions regarding the Medical Marijuana Ordinance which had come from Twp Attorney. Jeff put forth the idea that site plans should be made "to scale" rather than accepting drawings which are not to scale - thus to allow accurate perception of actual plan.

Sheri moved to approve the revised Sample Ordinance for Recreational Marijuana, seconded by Pat. Sheri moved to amend Sample Ordinance Section 11 D to clarify Marihuana Growers to allow 4 Class A, 3 Class B, 1 Class C - seconded by Pat - amendment carried. Amended Motion was then voted on and carried. Public Hearing regarding the proposed Recreational Marihuana Ordinance to occur on date of October Regular Meeting 7pm 22 Oct 2020 and Township Clerk is requested to put out public notice in a timely fashion. Please also put the proposed ordinance on the website ASAP so that township residents may read and discuss it during the month before the Public Hearing and may print off a copy for themselves if desired.

VII. Public Comment: Thanks from the folks who attended regarding Recreational Marijuana ordinance.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:59pm by Jeff , 2nd by Sheri - motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned

Special Meeting to be held MONDAY 5 Oct 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Regular Meeting to be held 4th Thursday 22 Oct 2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman

