

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)

