

Watson Township Planning Commission

October 25, 2017

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-
Vice Chairperson Bev McKinnon called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-
Present: Chuck Andrysiak, Bev McKinnon, Barb Wrobleski, Don Bailey, Joe Albers and Bruce Bos
Absent: Troy Baker
Lori Castello from PCI was also in attendance.
Visitors: John Caras of 1595 123rd Ave. Hopkins, MI
Scott Hershberger of 6784 N 35th St. Richland, MI
4. Reading and review of the Minutes from September, 2017 meeting.
Chuck motioned to accept minutes. Joe seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
5. Reading and review of the Agenda. Chuck motioned to accept the agenda. Don seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
6. Public comments not on Agenda: None
7. Old Business:

Consideration of changes to the zoning ordinance regarding signs in the township.

Chuck gave an update to the commission as to what the township board had discussed in their last meeting and their direction for us to go ahead and finish with the sign ordinance issue first. Then we should proceed with creating a medical marijuana ordinance particularly in the scope of Grow and Processing Operations. Lori Costello went over and reviewed the proposed changes so far. Discussion followed getting into specific details on the changes proposed. She will edit her rough draft, incorporate the ideas and changes we had discussed and present the new draft to us at our next meeting.

Chuck then handed out additional information he received regarding facility licensing and regulations pertaining to medical marijuana facilities. A general discussion followed. Lori C. mentioned that we need the Board Trustees to create and adopt an ordinance to allow and then clarify and state any limitations on the number of operations. We can continue a general discussion that will eventually lead to creating an ordinance and any zoning considerations. Also, a discussion took place on whether it is better to allow this type of business operation by a permitted by right use versus a special use permit.

Lori C. said she will design a rough draft similar to the one drafted by the City of Buchanan to start with. We can then edit and make changes as we see fit that would work best for Watson Township. We should be able to go over this draft as a general outline for discussion at our next meeting.

8. New Business:

None

9. Member Comments:

Chuck mentioned that there was a discussion by the board about the possibility of expanding our Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2018.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Don and was seconded by Barb. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bruce Bos
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary