

Watson Township Planning Commission

September 27, 2017

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order-
Chairman Troy Baker called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll call and recognition of visitors-
Present: Chuck Andrysiak, Troy Baker, Bev McKinnon, Barb Wrobleski, Don Bailey and Bruce Bos
Absent: Joe Albers
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 June, 2017 meeting. Chuck motioned to accept minutes. Don seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
5. Reading and review of the Agenda. Chuck motioned to move the new business ahead of old business in the agenda and then to accept the agenda as amended. Bev seconded the motion and the motion was approved.
6. Public comments not on Agenda: None
7. New Business:

- a. *Creation of a medical marijuana ordinance.*

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 with creating a medical marijuana ordinance particularly in the scope of Grow and Processing Operations. John Caras and Scott Hershberger then spoke briefly about their hopes of building and creating a marijuana operation in Watson Township. John Caras indicated that a typical grow operation would not need municipal water and that basically their demand would not be much different as from a residential dwelling.

The commission then discussed various topics on this type of proposed business such as zoning, licensing, impact in the community, etc. The proposed ordinance shall be for only grow and manufacturing type facilities. Chuck then passed around to each commission member a folder with copies of various types of information pertaining to regulating medical marijuana facilities. We will need to read through the information and begin the process of developing an ordinance to send back to the township board for their review/approval.

8. Old Business:

- a. Consider changes to the zoning ordinance regarding signs in the township.*

Don motioned to table this discussion as this meeting was already beginning to run late. Barb seconded the motion and all approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bev and was seconded by Barb. Motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bruce Bos
Watson Township Planning Commission Secretary