

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 10-Oct-16 meeting called to order 7:06 P.M. by Dave Horney

II. Roll Call

Cal Messing	Dave Horney	Mark Iwanicki
Ron Smith	Tom Wharam	

III. Citizen Participation

- None

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda as amended – Dave Horney
- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 12-Sep-16 as amended – Dave Horney
- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

A. None

VII. Old Business

A. Derelict buildings

- The board is taking this under review, the will get back to us

VIII. New Business

A. Additional site plan review for Ascension Monastery

- The chapel will be rebuilt in the same location
- The cul-de-sac on the south end must be removed from the neighbor's property
- The driveway cannot be moved closer to Sheridan Road due to set backs and screening
- Any graves that are currently under the drive must be moved
- Even though this is a replacement chapel, the planning commission will need a new site plan with any differences
- Geoff Oliver asked about the restrooms, Rodney Nanney said that this is state code and Dale Behnke will have to answer this question
- There will be a church built on this site later on

B. Marijuana ordinance

- Mr. Nanney said that there are two parts in order for dispensaries to be allowed; the township must pass an ordinance and they must be licensed by the township
- Taxes could be collected on the business
- Rodney Nanney suggested that if it is decided not to allow dispensaries that an ordinance be passed saying that they are prohibited
- State Supreme Court decided that the 2008 law is legal
- The township needs to decide how to regulate care givers because it is a lawful use; it is a business

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- A definition of a patient is needed
- Fred Lucas is not ready to move ahead until the new law settles
- It is better to have the ordinance in place if the township is taken to court
- MTA will probably give guidance within the next few months

C. Zoning regulations versus church use

- Mr. Nanney talked about the Islamic Center in Pittsfield township; the federal government sided with the church

D. Coordination with WWCA

- Dave Horney wants to know if there is enough communication to and from the Western Washtenaw Construction Authority
- Rodney Nanney said that he and Dale Behnke work well together

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IX. Communications

A. Report from Zoning Administrator – Rodney Nanney

- A report was provided and is on record

B. Report on 6-Oct-16 Board of Trustees meeting – Ron Smith

- A report was provided and is on record

X. Informational Items

A. None

XI. Public Comment

A. None

XII. Adjournment

- Next planning commission meeting is 14-Nov-16 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

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