

Bridgewater Township Planning Commission Minutes - Approved

I. 14-Sep-15 meeting called to order 7:10 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 presented – Tom Wharam
- Second to motion – Dave Horney
- Vote – unanimous

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 10-Aug-15 as presented – Ron Smith
- Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

VI. Public Hearings

- None

VII. Old Business

A. Monastery site plan update-WCRC/Rodney/OHM reviews

- Rodney Nanney said that he did receive the WCRC permit
- The plans were submitted and most items have been resolved
- The site plan needs a few more updates; especial the lighting
- Marcus McNamara also received plans but has not submitted a report
- Rodney Nanney will continue to interface with Arexki Mekhaldi on the site plan

B. Update forms for clerk/update fees – subcommittee report

- Ron Smith said the fees still need to be updated and he continues to work with Laurie Fromhart on this

C. Fair Housing regulations update

- Ron Smith said Bridgewater Township is a member of the Urban County Consortium which is regulated by the Fair Housing Regulations
- Bridgewater Township gets the same number of votes as all other communities
- We have taken advantage of some of the perks of the consortium but may have to drop out if there are restrictions because of our affiliation

D. Accessory dwelling (detached, not meeting current ordinance)

- Ron Smith said we are a single family community and our zoning encourages this
 - Motion to that it is the opinion of the Planning Commission that there is no action warranted to revise the existing ordinance for accessory dwellings at this time –Dave Horney
 - Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki

- Vote – unanimous

E. GS materials application

- The DEQ requested that the site plan be updated to have two separate lakes; they are baulking at one lake
- Bridgewater Township still needs an agreement for the road required improvements
- The October public hearing should be cancelled
- Since Chip Tokar was not present, the following motion was presented
 - Motion to cancel the October public hearing and to postpone any further action until the revised plans have been received and reviewed –Dave Horney
 - Second to motion - Mark Iwanicki
 - Vote – unanimous

VIII. New Business

A. Controlled substance/marijuana farming ordinance

- A gentlemen from the Bowling Green area asked Rodney Nanney about growing medical marijuana in a nursery; Mr. Nanney explained that medical marijuana does not fall under agricultural zoning
- He later said that he wanted to grow the amount that a caregiver is allowed to grow under Michigan law
- Rodney explained that being a care giver is a business
- One care giver can serve five patients
- A dispensary is several care givers working together
- The question was raised; do we want to address the care giver situation in the zoning ordinance
- There are currently no legal cases where the care giver needs to be addressed in the zoning ordinance
- Fred Lucas needs to be kept in the loop
- Medical marijuana is a residential use

IX. Communications

A. Report from Zoning Administrator – Rodney Nanney

- A report was provided and is on record
- Mark Iwanicki asked about Philips garage service; Rodney Nanney said that they have taken control of the property; it will be an annex to Saline facility; they cannot do an work there; they are storing equipment there
- Mark said that there are cars for sale at the property
- Rodney talked that the are asking for a substitution of non-conforming use

B. Report on 3-Sep-15 Board of Trustees meeting – Ron Smith

- The minutes were sent out to Planning Commission members and are on record

X. Informational Items

- None

XI. Public Comment

- None

XII. Adjournment

- Next planning commission meeting is 12-Oct-15 at 7:00 P.M.
- Motion to adjourn – Dave Horney
- Second to motion – Mark Iwanicki
- Vote – unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

APPROVED