

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, and Jack Griffes. Pat Bournes arrived at 7:40pm.

Absent: Kevin Fisher

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Motion to approve 22 Aug 2019 minutes by Jeff , 2nd by Leo, motion passed.

IV. Additions/Changes to Agenda: Chris Bayles about opting in for Recreational Marijuana
Motion to approve agenda by Leo, 2nd by Sheri. Motion carried.

V. Reports:

-Township Board – Sheriff introduction, voted to hook up to Citizens Gas (natural gas), voted to continue to pay \$4,000/yr for School Resource Officer, changed fees for electrical inspections.

-Zoning Officer – Presented color coded zoning map, four second notices for blight, other notices sent which will get a second notice in due time. Lawyer (Phil) has mailed a ten day notice to Denny's.

-Zoning Board of Appeals – none

-Planning Board Commission - Pat Bournes called Region 2 and then gave Jack Griffes an email contact in order to get a pdf of the ordinances that Region 2 had on record. A 125 page pdf was received along with a pdf zoning map - these were emailed by Jack to Planning Commission members who have email. This highlighted the fact that not everything is on record with Region 2 and discussion ensued about proper procedure and whether or not those not on record with Region 2 have become null and void within a certain period of time. We need to research the proper procedure to file ordinances including timeframes and any provisions about ordinances becoming null and void if proper filing is not done. Jeff noted that rather than try and dig up old records we are not certain we can find containing signatures that we should just review every ordinance now and put them to the Township Board for signature approval so that we have on hand proof of proper approval of review. Brenda will go to the Courthouse and get a copy of what they have on record.

VI. Order of Business:

Recreational Marijuana-

Chris Bayles regarding opting in to Recreational Marijuana. He has been a Medical Marijuana caregiver. He is interested in being a MicroBusiness - grow, process, sell all in one up to 150 plants. State of Michigan plans to start issuing licenses for MicroBusiness on 1 Nov 2019. Suggesting perhaps ten MicroBusiness licenses in township. He stated that bigger growers tend to be from out of State and he believes that MicroBusinesses would keep money in township and would generate revenue. MicroBusiness has been structured similar to the craft brewery businesses. --- Leo mentioned that the State will have twelve different licenses for Recreational Marijuana.

Discussion regarding ordinances in other localities. Brenda suggested that we need to compare with ordinances passed by localities that do not have their own police force because that makes a difference in enforcement. In our township as Zoning Officer she is the policing power on ordinances.

Leo reported that he compared the Ordinances we got back from Region 2 with the latest copy Robin gave us about a year ago. There were some differences.

VII. Public Comment: none

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn @ 8:48 pm by Jeff, 2nd by Pat - motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned

Meeting to be held 4th Thursday 24 Oct 2019 @ 7:00 pm

Minutes submitted by: Jack Griffes, Secretary of the Planning Commission

Minutes approved by: Mike Griffith, Chairman

