

Lee Township Planning Commission
Minutes of the March 12, 2020 Meeting
Held at Lee Township Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Present: Rick Payne, Bill Stewart, and Fritz Schroeder Absent: Mari Spraul and Mike Spitnale

Guest: Rodney Nanney Residents: Andrew McLaughlin, and Al Anger

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Bill, seconded by Fritz. Motion was passed (3-0).

A motion to accept the Dec 29, 2019 minutes was made by Bill, seconded by Fritz. Motion was passed (3-0).

Election of officers:

Bill nominated Rick to be 2020 Chairman, seconded by Fritz. Approved.

Bill nominated Mike to be 2020 Vice-Chairman, seconded by Fritz. Approved.

Bill nominated Fritz to be secretary, seconded by Rick. Approved.

A motion was made by Bill to go to Public hearing for the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, seconded by Fritz. Vote: Bill-Aye, Rick-Aye, Fritz-Aye.

The Medical Marijuana Ordinance # ____ Draft with amendments to chapters 2,3,5, &7, dated December 9, 2019 was read by Chairman Rick.

Open invitation for Public Comment – No one spoke.

Bill reported that the Township board has yet to adopt this ordinance and is requesting a joint meeting with the Planning Commission to discuss zoning.

Bill made a motion to return to regular session, seconded by Fritz. Vote: Bill-Aye, Rick-Aye, Fritz-Aye.

Comments: Resident Al Anger asked if the planning commission could recommend enforcement of the Blight ordinance #65 on 3 parcels that appear to be in blatant violation. Substandard dwelling, non-conforming and septic health issues. Rick explained that this commission had no authority and he should take his concerns to the Supervisor as a board issue.

Old business: Zoning amendment – Special Use Permits: since Mari was absent, no update was available, and the status of rescinding 3 outstanding SPU's is unknown.

Rick raised the need to identify a Zoning Board of Appeals to include Bill, Laura and Rick. Supervisor may pick others when needed.

McLaughlin Car sales project – Andrew presented his sketch of the proposed layout. The parcel has been surveyed to allow the split to proceed. He was ready to request re-zoning to commercial. Rodney pointed out that this project could not be done by a special use permit. The master plan would have to be updated to allow for re-zoning. This application process could take 4-5 months. Action was tabled to

allow Andrew to obtain input from DNR, State Hwy, and Road Drains and cost estimates for the engineering, culvert design, power and other site work prior to proceeding. Rodney suggested that he contact SBA for assistance and scope development.

Commission agreed that Master Plan was due for a 5-year review, and all changes including grant comm. Items be rolled into one update this year. Need to check what the budget will support.

Laura and Rick to schedule Joint meeting with Board, Planning and Rodney.

Bill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fritz. Passed at 8:20 pm

Minutes approved July 16, 2020.

Frederick (Fritz) Schroeder