



Armada Township

PLANNING COMMISSION

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MINUTES

November 2, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve/Amend Agenda
5. Approval of minutes: **Regular Meeting September 7, 2016**
6. Public Comments
7. Public Hearing:
8. New Business: **A.) Medical Marijuana Uses**
9. Unfinished Business: **A.) Amendments to Zoning Ordinance: Signs; accessory structures**
10. PC Projects:
11. Public Comments
12. Adjournment

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: December 7, 2016

Call to order: Chair Kehrig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Kehrig led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Finlay, Jabara, Wieske, DeCock, Kehrig, Abercrombie, and LeMieux. Also present: Planner Joe Tangari and Recording Secretary Christine White

Approve/Amend Agenda: Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Abercrombie, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes: Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Regular meeting minutes September 7, 2016. Motion made by LeMieux, seconded by Abercrombie, to approve minutes as presented. All Ayes: Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Public Hearing: None.

Reports and Correspondence: Chair Kehrig noted the Planning & Zoning News for September. Motion made by Abercrombie, seconded by LeMieux, to receive and file as presented. All Ayes: Motion Carried.

New Business: A.) Medical Marijuana Uses: Planner Joe Tangari went over recently adopted Public Acts from the state of Michigan, regulating new types of medical marijuana uses. Specifically, Act 281, the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act, establishes a licensing

regime for five uses: Grow Operations, Processors, Provisioning Centers, Secure Transporters, and Safety Compliance Labs. He explained that communities have the ability to opt out of permitting any of the uses. He discussed the uses and some of the options that the township may want to consider. Grow houses are not affected by this legislation and regulations remain the same with regard to them. He went over the townships current ordinance with the commission. The new legislation does not go into effect until December 2017. He explained that one or two of the uses could be acceptable or none at all and licensing fees that could be collected for allowing certain uses. Adding the prohibition of outdoor burning of waste plant material was also suggested. Planner Tangari suggested a survey be done to see how the community feels about this issue. The survey could be developed over the next few months and sent out with the summer taxes. **Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Kehrig to request that the Township Board consider the possibility of doing a survey of the residents on the uses of medical marijuana. All Ayes: Motion Carried.**

Planner Tangari will present information and questionnaire to the Commission for review before it goes to the Township Board.

Unfinished Business: A.) Amendments to Zoning Ordinance: Signs; accessory structures: Planner Tangari presented the commission with a handout of the current accessory structure ordinance and another one with possible changes. The commission discussed the possible changes which included size increases. The increases were mainly discussed for parcels with two to five acres of land. The commission wants more information and opinions from Orchard Construction, and the Building Inspector. They also will take a look at section 16.01 of the ordinance book.

Planner Tangari went over a handout with the commission on sign provisions. This month permits and approval, the administration and enforcement provisions, and prohibited signs. The amount of freestanding signage and how to regulate it, especially directional signs and temporary sign regulations were the topics of discussion. Flags are still being looked into, they can be included in the definition, or can be permitted by a certain number per lot. Moving signs such as inflatable, balloon, streamer, and others were discussed as prohibited signs. Non-conforming signs and a time period for enforcement, and maintenance of signs if they should fall into disrepair were also discussed. More information will be presented at next month's meeting.

PC Projects: None.

Public Comments: Residents living near the Hidden River development voiced concerns about a detention pond.

Adjournment: Motion made by DeCock, seconded by Jabara, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All Ayes: Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Christine White,
Recording Secretary

Approved:

DJ Kehrig,
Chairperson

Date _____