

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

May 8, 2017

4884 W. Curtis St.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Arthur Brood
John Kane
Kathy Noel
Barbara Hampton

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Carolyn Hall

Also present: Supervisor Moore and Zoning Administrator Calkins

Chairman Brood called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#1 MOVED: by Kathy Noel, second by John Kane, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#2 MOVED: by Kathy Noel, seconded by John Kane, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

- Chairman Brood announced that we would not continue our efforts to review existing ordinances due to the need to discuss several items of concern by Supervisor Moore and Zoning Administrator Calkins.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Zoning Administrator Calkins and Supervisor Moore brought several items to the Planning Commission's attention with the request that ordinances be developed that would be enforceable. These items included excess numbers of dogs in the residential area and the ticketing process. A number of residents are keeping in excess of the three dogs permitted by ordinance and do not respond to Township requests to reduce them.
- Supervisor Moore noted that he had found at least one home in the subdivision containing more than one family. After research and discussion it was agreed that existing State law was sufficient to address this situation.
- In response to these requests, members spent time researching existing ordinances and working with Zoning Administrator Calkins. It was agreed that existing ordinances were sufficient. In cases where a resident is not in compliance with an ordinance, the Township needs to determine if they wish to pursue it in the courts as a civil matter.

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- Supervisor Moore requested that the commission work on a draft ordinance for the regulation of the sale of medical marijuana in the district. After much discussion it was agreed that we need to determine what State of Michigan requirements will be before we draft an ordinance.
- Secretary John Kane requested that a referendum on the marijuana issue be placed on the August ballot. This would help determine the feeling of township residents on this issue. Supervisor Moore agreed to do this.

- Elections were conducted for membership on the Planning Commission.

#3 MOTION: by Barbara Hampton, second by Kathy Noel, that existing officers be retained. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

John A. Kane, Secretary