

Roscommon Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Akin at 6:00 pm

Roll Call Vote of Members: Brotebeck present, Milburn present, Jeske present, Akin present, and Terrian present.

Zoning Administrators Muckenthaler and DuPuis present.

Also in attendance: Cristina Rubino, Mike & Linda Kopischka, Joel Noerr,

- **Agenda: Motion:** by Jeske, second by Brotebeck to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All yes, Motion carried.
- **Minutes:** Akin asked the commissioners if they all had a chance to look over the previous meeting minutes. **Motion:** by Terrian, second by Jeske to approve the July 9, 2017 minutes as presented. All yes, Motion carried.
- Muckenthaler introduced Terry DuPuis as his replacement for Zoning Administrator, Ordinance Officer and Liquor Inspector
- Akin began meeting by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to have discussion and begin working on the Medical Marihuana Ordinance. Akin asked Muckenthaler if he had any updates. Muckenthaler advised that included in the board's packets for tonight's meeting is a portion of Haring Township's Medical Marihuana Ordinance. He spoke with Charles Shipley, from Haring Twp, he advised that they have dropped working further on their ordinance as they were only dealing with dispensaries and they were advised that they are illegal as of now in Michigan. Akin stated that "dispensary" was the old term, and that they are not legal in MI. We have to be careful not to use that term. Our motion approved two "provisioning centers" in certain areas. Muckenthaler also advised that he included a letter from the Township Board stating that the board had approved the Planning Commission to draft a Medical Marihuana Ordinance that could be modified once state standard guidelines are put in place. Milburn advised that the minutes stated "pending state guidelines are put in place". Akin stated that we also got correspondence from JoJean Thompsom. Muckenthaler advised that he had been contacted by the attorney from "Wild Bill's Oasis Tobacco and Wellness Centers", Kevin Chang, who volunteered to help us draft our ordinance. He is from Bangor Twp, Bay City area, which has approved their ordinance. Akin stated, my thought is that there are some things that we probably want to do that may not be legal under what we can do as a Planning Commission. We are obviously going to want to get some legal help on this. We could contact other townships to see what their ordinances look like. Joel Neorr stated that Pinconning is approved, done deal. Akin stated, I think with the state still kind of tweaking what they are doing, we probably need to get our thoughts out to what we want to see. I have a huge issue with the signs, but I don't know legally if we can regulate that. Brotebeck asked, won't the state have guidelines that they are going to put out for the townships? Akin stated I don't know that they will because of the liability on them. I am guessing that because Bill wrote our ordinances for the townships, to either approve it or not, he is probably going to have some ideas. Joel Neorr stated that there is a proposal by Senator Rick Jones to eliminate the leaves and things like that. There is a bill in motion for that. Akin stated that in some other instances in an ordinance, like on telecommunication towers, there is a whole section of the ordinance dedicated to the location. It is listed as a special use in the areas that it can be located. I am wondering if that is the route we want to go.

Define each category and put it in its own kind of separate ordinance in the zoning ordinance listed, instead of defining growers and all they have to do in agricultural. Perhaps that would be an easier way to make sure everything we want to see in there is listed. I mean you're talking about five different kinds of businesses. They are all going to have to have their own guidelines and requirements. Alan, do you have any thoughts? Terrian stated we should make a list of everything we can think of, such as how close these facilities are allowed to churches, schools, liquor stores. I see there is a big discrepancy in what some of the other ordinances allow, some up to 5000 feet. Need to look at our township and find out where the landmarks are, which are generally along M55, then determine where our zoning in regards to special permits that we were talking about, as far as going commercial or what not. We need to decide the distances we want from the land marks. Akin, stated that we need an official statement from the Sheriff's Dept. on how they want to be involved, what their thoughts are, etc. Joel Neorr stated that as far as space requirements to grow plants, you would need 40k sq. ft. for class C, which is 1500 plants. We have calculated that a class B growers license, 1000 plants, 10k to 15k sq. ft. would be required if you want to keep small plants. Akin stated, we have been instructed to come up with an ordinance which we could tweak if the state comes up with something that conflicts. We need to get our general ideas in place. Milburn stated, we also need to consider how we are going to select who gets a permit to establish a facility. Akin suggested that we should contact Fahey to see what he has drafted for other townships so far. Terrian said he would like to get an updated township map so we can determine where the landmarks are, so that we can base all of our ordinances to consider where churches, schools, etc. are located. Brotebeck asked Muckenthaler if the map wasn't currently being updated. Muckenthaler responded, yes, and that he would contact Pill Bendily to see if it is completed. Akin stated that each Planning Board member should come up with a list of 5 bullet points of items they would want to see in the ordinance. Discussion continued on whether or not the township can regulate care givers under the home business ordinance and state that care givers must go to patient's home rather than the patients going to the care giver. Milburn advise the board of Bryan Jeske's resignation from the board, effective September 30, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

Planning Commissioners : List of at least 5 bullet points of items they want in ordinance
Muckenthaler/DuPuis: 1. Obtain updated township map 2. Ask Fahey: can we control sign content? Do you have any other township ordinances written? Will banks deal with medical marihuana facilities due to legality or must be cash?

- Public Comments: None
- Adjourning Meeting: Brotebeck made motion to adjourn, second by Jeske at 6:51 p.m.
 - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: September 11, 2017.
- *Motion by Brotebeck, second by Jeske to adjourn at 6:51 pm. All yes, Motion carried.*



Kim Akin, Chairperson



Bob Brotebeck, Secretary

Prepared and submitted by Terry A. DuPuis