

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
September 22, 2016

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Stockwell at 7:03 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Kent Gierman, Phil Madeline, Geri Berry, Robert Stockwell and Maureen Lemons. ABSENT: Penzien and O Chadleus. ALSO PRESENT: Senior Planner Jason Bibby, Attorney Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the August 25, 2016 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

**MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Lemons to approve the August 25, 2016 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Penzien and O Chadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Master Plan Evaluation:** Senior Planner Jason Bibby of Giffels/Webster stated that last month the township board approved sharing the draft of the master plan with neighboring communities and that the public hearing will be set for the October planning commission meeting. At that meeting the public will have a chance to comment on it and the planning commission can recommend approval to the township board.
2. **Discussion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to establish appropriate setbacks from wetlands, lakes and streams:** Senior Planner Bibby discussed establishing setbacks in the zoning ordinance to protect wetlands, lakes and streams. There was lengthy discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Accessory Building in the Front Yard-Alex Lengemann:** Secretary Lemons reviewed Alex Lengemann's request to build an

accessory building in the front yard and explained that the terrain of the parcel limits the placement of the building. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Lemons, seconded by Madeline to approve Alex Lengemann's request to build an accessory building in the front yard due to the fact that the terrain limits the placement of the accessory building, the accessory building will not be seen from the road and will not be intrusive to the neighbors. A vote was taken. Ayes: Four (Lemons, Stockwell, Madeline and Berry). Nays: One (Gierman). Absent: Two (Penzien and Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Site Plan Review Training:** Senior Planner Bibby conducted training pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Commission.

3. **Medical Marijuana Moratorium:** Senior Planner Bibby and Attorney Gildner discussed the new medical marijuana bill signed by Governor Snyder this week and how it will affect Attica Township. Attorney Gildner will draft an ordinance pertaining to marijuana dispensaries and marijuana growers for the next planning commission meeting.

4. **Dog Ordinance:** Secretary Lemons and Supervisor Ochadleus discussed an incident in the township in which two pit bull dogs bit a child which brought up the issue of whether the township should have an ordinance pertaining to dangerous dogs. Attorney Gildner explained that the township can enact a police powers ordinance but that the state of Michigan and most likely Lapeer County laws would cover the township. Planner Bibby will look at the county level to see if there are any laws to meet the township's needs.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT:** Planning Secretary Lemons reported that Mr. Eastin has not contacted her regarding his Special Land Use.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC TIME:** None.

**ATTORNEY REPORT & CONSULTANTS REPORT:** None.

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Berry seconded by Gierman to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: Two (Ochadleus and Penzien). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the  
Attica Township Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary