

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
April 27, 2017

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, MI 48412.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Penzien at 7 p.m. The following members were PRESENT: Dave Penzien, Phil Madeline, Kent Gierman, Geri Berry, Mark Ochadleous, Bob Stockwell and Maureen Lemons. ABSENT: One (Stockwell). ALSO PRESENT: Planner Jason Bibby, Attorney Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the March 23, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

**MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Gierman to approve the March 23, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Medical Marijuana Discussion:** Supervisor Ochadleus discussed Attica's history regarding medical marijuana and discussed Lapeer's decision to opt in to allow the growing of medical marijuana. There was lengthy discussion between the Planning Commission, Attorney Gildner, Planner Bibby and the public regarding developing an ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Minimum Driveway Width:** Planner Bibby discussed the minor variance in the zoning ordinance's 30 foot minimum driveway width requirement that conflicts with the road commission's 37 foot requirement. Planner Bibby stated that it would be a simple amendment to increase the minimum driveway width to 40 feet and that it is not an immediate need. Planner Bibby recommended holding off on a Public Hearing to bundle it with other amendments in the future.

**MOTION** by Gierman, seconded by Madeline to table setting a Public Hearing to amend the minimum driveway width in the zoning ordinance. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Stockwell). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Barret Asphalt Plant:** Supervisor Ochadleus gave a brief history of the Barret Asphalt Plant and informed the Planning Commission that it has been sold to Israel Ferrett and Rowe Engineering is working on a site plan to be submitted at the May Planning Commission meeting. Supervisor Ochadleus advised the Planning Commission to give some thought to requiring provisions such as hours of operation, pumping lakes down, etc. to require. Supervisor Ochadleus went on to state that there needs to be sensitivity to issues that may arise and to protect residents in the area. Planner Bibby suggested a pre application meeting with Mr. Ferrett and Engineer Mike Carpenter.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT:** None.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:**

Planner Bibby reported that he took a new position with Huron Clinton Metro Parks and that Principle Planner Mark Lloyd will be taking over for him. Mr. Lloyd gave a brief history of his career and stated that he looks forward to working with Attica Township.

Supervisor Ochaleus asked what is included in the retainer with Giffels Webster. Planner Lloyd stated that he will send a letter detailing what is included in the retainer.

**PUBLIC TIME:** None.

**ATTORNEY REPORT & CONSULTANTS REPORT:** Attorney Gildner stated that medical marijuana law is not his expertise but that he will get involved when he is asked to.

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION by Berry** by seconded by Madeline to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

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Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary

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