

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
May 25, 2017

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 Ochadleus and Bob Stockwell. ABSENT: One (Lemons). ALSO PRESENT: Planner Mark Lloyd, Attorney Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

**MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to approve the April 27, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Medical Marijuana:** The Attica Township Board has directed the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance to accommodate a Class C medical marijuana grow facility and 1 processor facility for consideration should Attica Township decide to opt in at a future date:

Supervisor Ochadleus explained to the Planning Commission that the township planner, Giffells Webster, drafted a medical marijuana ordinance for the township that can be built on along with Attorney Gildner and directed the Planning Commission to develop an ordinance.

Attorney Gildner stated that there is an existing facility in the township that made a pitch for the use of medical marijuana and explained how the Planning Commission should go about developing a medical marijuana ordinance. There was discussion.

Planning Commission Chairman Penzien read an editorial in the Lapeer County Press against allowing medical marijuana to be grown and expressed that he is

personally against allowing the growing and processing of medical marijuana in Attica Township.

Planner Lloyd stated that he will bring beneficial materials regarding the growing and processing of medical marijuana to the June Planning Commission meeting for the members to review.

There was lengthy discussion.

**MOTION** by Gierman, seconded by Stockwell to table the medical marijuana issue until the June Planning Commission meeting to allow time to gather more information. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Site Plan Review:** Special Land Use review and Mining Permit review for Israel Ferrett, 1200 Lake George Road, LLC. (1273 Lake George Rd). Set public hearing:

Planner Lloyd reviewed his summary of findings of the application and site plan for Mining Operation, 1200 Lake George Road, LLC.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the need for an adequate impact statement and the items to include in the statement.

The pumping of water on site and off site was discussed. Applicant, Israel Ferrett, stated that the dewatering permit with the DNR expired in 2015. Supervisor Ochadleus communicated to Mr. Ferret that a permit will not be issued allowing the pumping of water off site.

The operating hours, haul route, and setbacks were discussed.

**MOTION** by Gierman, seconded by Stockwell to set a Public Hearing for Special Land Use and mining permit for Mining Operation, 1200 Lake George Road, LLC, for the July Planning Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT:** None.

**PLANNER'S REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC TIME:** None.

**ATTORNEY REPORT & CONSULTANTS REPORT:**

There being no further business before the Planning Commission, **MOTION** by Gierman seconded by Stockwell to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. A vote was taken.

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Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Lemons).  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

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Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the  
Attica Township Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary