

ATTICA TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
June 22, 2017

At a regular meeting of the Attica Township Planning Commission held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 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, Bob Stockwell and Maureen Lemons. ABSENT: One (Mark Ochadleus). ALSO PRESENT: Planner Lloyd, Attorney Gildner and the public per the attached sheet.

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The Board having reviewed the minutes of the May 25, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes and there being no corrections, additions or deletions:

**MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Gierman to approve the May 25, 2017 regular Planning Commission meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Medical Marijuana Ordinance:**

a. **Planner Mark Lloyd – Permitting and Processing:**

Planner Lloyd explained the different processes for allowing the growing and processing of medical marijuana. Planner Lloyd recommended a Special Land Use be required for transparency and also recommended receiving public input as that is an important part of the process. Planner Lloyd also discussed zoning districts. There was discussion.

b. **Attorney Mike Gildner – Legal Aspects:**

Attorney Gildner explained that legislation regarding the growing and processing of medical marijuana changed last year and explained the difference between the new law and the law that was enacted in 2008. Attorney Gildner went on to explain the five types of facilities that are allowed and that the Planning Commission needs to decide which types of facilities are best for Attica. There was discussion.

Supervisor Ochadleus informed that Planning Commission that the city of Lapeer has opted in to allow the growing and processing of medical marijuana and suggested slowing down the process of developing an ordinance until after Lapeer has sorted through it. Attorney Gildner stated that one approach is to wait and see how things develop in neighboring communities and stated that the earliest a license can be obtained is December of 2017 therefore the Planning Commission has time to debate which of these facilities is best suited for Attica Township. Supervisor Ochadleus stated that a medical marijuana facility in the township could provide well-paying jobs and provide a business person the ability to utilize his facility. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Berry, seconded by Stockwell to table anything dealing with medical marijuana until the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Planning Commission meeting. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Special Land Use Review and Mining Permit Review for Israel Ferrett, 1200 Lake George Road, LLC:**

Planner Lloyd stated that he met with Supervisor Ochadleus and Zoning and Planning Coordinators Lemons and Schultz regarding the Special Land Use and Mining Permit for Israel Ferrett, 1200 Lake George Road, LLC and reviewed the Special Land Use and checklist of items on the impact statement. Planner Lloyd stated that the way to go about reviewing and approving the Special Land Use and Mining Permit is to follow the ordinance and to have an impact statement prepared by the engineer of record. The property owner and engineer were not present at the Planning Commission meeting. There was discussion regarding haul routes and the reclamation plan. The Public Hearing for 1200 Lake George Road was set at the May Planning Commission meeting for the July 27<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Supervisor Ochadleus Structure Violation:**

Supervisor Ochadleus stated that it was brought to his attention that there are three houses and a shack built on a Bambies Lane (which is not a legal road but a path). Supervisor Ochadleus sent the township deputy out to investigate and the deputy found a small shack near the end of Bambies Lane which appeared to be built recently and had windows, a kitchen and living quarters. The property owner is aware the building was built without a permit and that people are living in it periodically. Supervisor Ochadleus turned the situation over to Construction Code Authority. There was discussion.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND SECRETARY REPORT:** Planning Secretary Lemons reported:

- a) There are several blight cases being processed.
- b) The resident at 2115 Lake Pleasant Road has received a letter from Attorney Gildner regarding the car repair business being run without a Special Land Use.
- c) The new owner of Chuck Gravilla's business on Lake Pleasant Road has been notified that he needs to apply for a 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 Stockwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: One (Ochadleus). **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Maureen Lemons, Secretary of the  
Attica Township Planning Commission

Valerie Schultz, Recording Secretary