

Planning Commission  
Minutes  
October 13, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman Stalmack at 7:00 pm. Showing present: Bardell, Borden, Belinski, Cichewicz, Clark, Stalmack, Oddy, Pokerwinski, Sherwood. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk J. Hoffman and approximately 1 resident.

**4. Minutes:** Motion by Oddy, supported by Borden to approve Planning Commission Minutes of August 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Old Business:**

**A. Continued Discussion regarding Medical Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Amendments:**

Chairman Stalmack question the Board if they had any comments or suggestions to the revised Amendments presented to them. Member Bardell stated that the only change that was made was locked facilities. Oddy stated that he wanted to make sure the language is consistent with the Ordinance and with MMMA. Planner Atkin advised that the easiest way to do it was to reference the current State Law. Member Oddy brought to everyone's attention Section 6.55 (a)(3) and 6.55 (b)(4) where it states that the Medical Marijuana license is approved by the "Township Clerk". Member Oddy wanted to make sure that statement does not supersede the actual Ordinance, the Clerk's Office issues the License but each Department has a part in the approval process. The Police Department and the Supervisors Office must sign off on the approval and then the Clerk's Office issues the Medical Marijuana Caregivers License. Planner Atkin stated that he will add the "Appropriate Departmental Approval" to Section 6.55 (a)(3) and 6.55 (b)(4).

Oddy also addressed Section 2.2: Definitions: (2) Medical Marijuana Facility. He would like to see "in accordance with" added to the sentence "permitted by the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and the Sumpter Township Medical Marijuana Ordinance (No. 107B)".

Planner Atkin will make the suggested changes of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Modifications for Medical Marijuana and bring back to the Planning Commission.

**B. Continued Discussion regarding Portable Storage Unit Zoning Ordinance Amendments:**

Member Bardell started the discussion off with a question of what is the Township going to do with the Storage units already on residents properties? Planner Atkin stated that if they have been sited then they will have to relocate the containers, containers that have not been sited it's not as cut and dry. It's more difficult because there hasn't been an Ordinance. It would fall into non-conforming, the Township could request for the storage unit to be relocated and hopefully the resident would be willing to do that. Member Borden asked Planner Atkin if there is anything that can be done to make the storage unit blend into the neighborhood instead of looking like a freight car? Planner Atkin believes that Planner Lonnerstater had already addressed that, but yes something can be done. The storage unit has to be presentable. There was no further discussion on Portable Storage Unit Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Clark to approve the Recommendation to the Township Board to approve the Accessory Buildings Modifications for Portable Storage Containers. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Open Floor:**

Planner Atkin introduced himself as the new Planner for Sumpter Township. He also informed that he had talked with Steven Davenport who is the contractor for Mr. Po. Last week Mr. Davenport indicated to Planner Atkin that they would not make this meeting, they were not ready. They may be ready next month but not a definitive answer. On October 10, 2016 a voice mail message was left by Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue indicating that they as well were not ready for this meeting, nor would they be in town for the Planning Commission Meeting for November. More than likely they will be ready for the December Planning Commission Meeting.

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Chairman Stalmack informed Planning Commission about the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation which has been turned over to Richard and Sharon Pokerwinski. There will be a meeting on the Master Plan Parks and Rec possibly targeted for November 29, 2016.

Member Oddy asked where are we with our Master Plan? Planner Atkin stated that it was handed over to him by Planner Lonnerstater recently and he just looked over it. Planner Atkin stated that Planner Lonnerstater possibly has a final draft. He will see Planner Lonnerstater next week and will ask him about it. Planner Atkin will email the Planning Commission with the details.

**7. Adjournment:** Motion by Cichewicz, supported by Oddy to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Hoffman  
Deputy Clerk  
Sumpter Township