

**Planning Commission
Minutes
March 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Stalmack. Showing present: Clark, Oddy, Pokerwinski, Stalmack and Belinski. Also showing present: Planner Chris Atkin.

Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Pokerwinski to approve the minutes of February 9, 2017. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business: Update on Master Plan: Work began in April 2015 to update the Master Plan, but the issue kept being set aside because of other priorities. Oddy suggested forming a subcommittee to assess what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done. Planner Atkin said we are close to being finished. It was suggested that the subcommittee meet at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate everyone's work schedule. Planner Atkin will provide information at the next meeting as to where we are in completing the process. No action was taken to form the subcommittee at this time. Once the Planning Commission approves the Master Plan it will be sent to the Township Board, which will start the countdown of approximately 60 days for final approval of the plan.

Planner Atkin will provide updated information about solar panel regulations to the Township Attorney. He has revised the proposal to call for special land use in Industrial and Agricultural zones. He also continues to get calls weekly from people interested in growing medical marijuana. Oddy emphasized that we are only interested in making sure our ordinance complies with the existing MMA and not the new act. Planner Atkin will prepare a document showing what is already done and what needs to be done. He needs to get with the Attorney to investigate the new law concerning dispensaries and revenue sharing-how much money would come to the Township vs. the cost of the enforcement. The number of facilities would determine how much revenue would come from the State to the Township from the marijuana tax, and given the regulations in the Township, the number of facilities would be small. Regarding the new law, the Township has to decide to opt in or opt out.

The subject of the odor associated with marijuana growth was discussed. It can be covered under a nuisance ordinance, which would make indoor grows more likely. Work also needs to be completed on regulations for medical marijuana providers and for solar panel farms.

Stalmack asked if we have an ordinance for wind turbines, and for the use of outdoor furnaces and regulating the height of the outdoor furnaces.

Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Pokerwinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Belinski