

HOWELL TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Howell Township Hall
January 24, 2017
6:30 p.m.

This is a draft of minutes only. These minutes will be approved at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Sloan
Carolyn Henry
Mark Freude
Peter Manwiller
Wayne Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Adam Dale
Matthew Counts

Also in attendance: Zoning Administrator Joe Daus
Township Planner Paul Montagno

Chairman Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Sloan asked for a “Moment of Silence”, on behalf of Planning Commission Secretary Terry Quattro, who passed away in December. The roll was called. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW MEMBER:

Chairman Sloan announced new member to the Planning Commission, Adam Dale. Commissioner Dale could not be at this meeting as he had a prior commitment before taking office.

ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS:

Chairman Sloan stated first meeting of the year the Commission needs to elect officers for the year:

- A) Chairperson – **MOTION** by Henry, seconded by Freude **“TO NOMINATE ANDREW SLOAN FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2017.”** Motion carried.
- B) Vice-Chairperson – **MOTION** by Henry, seconded by Manwiller, **“TO NOMINATE MARK FREUDE FOR THE POSITION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON FOR 2017.”** Motion carried.
- C) Secretary – **MOTION** by Freude, seconded by Henry, **“TO NOMINATE WAYNE WILLIAMS FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY FOR 2017.”** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Freude, seconded by Williams **“TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 24, 2017 AGENDA AS PRESENTED.”** Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Henry, seconded by Freude, **“TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 25, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.”** Motion carried. (See October 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes) There were no November or December Planning Commission Meetings.

SET PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Rezoning of Parcel #4706-32-400-012 – Brent LaVanway from Boss Engineering and Steve Gronow form Chestnut Development, LLC is requesting a Public Hearing for a 17 acre parcel on the northwest corner of Burkhart Road and Mason Road, next to

the party store, to be rezoned from (NSC) Neighborhood Service Commercial to (MFR) Multiply Family Residential. The request is consistent with adjacent zoning districts. **MOTION** by Freude, seconded by Henry, **“TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PARCEL #4706-32-400-012 FROM NSC TO MFR ON THE NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017.”** Discussion followed. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Planning & Zoning News

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

(Counts)

- See synopsis.

ZONNG BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

(Sloan)

- Elected 2017 officers.

ZONING REPORT:

(Daus)

- Oak Grove Meadows have applied for their water/sewer permits and getting ready to break ground.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planner Montagno discussed the 2017 Planning Priorities. Some of the issues are: 1) Develop and Innovation Zoning District. 2) Develop the Shiawassee River Overlay. 3) Tree and Woodland Protection. 4) Medical Marijuana Regulation. 5) Dog Kennels. 6) Keeping of large non-farm animals. 7) Sidewalk Requirements. 8) Zoning compliance for new uses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Zoning Administrator Daus stated that Burkhart Ridge is looking to renew their construction permits to finish their seconded phase. Brent LaVanway who represents Paul Chosid, owner of Burkhart Ridge, stated what has been completed and now is looking to add some sub-phases to the west of existing club house. Asking for acknowledgement from the township for concurrence with the reissuing of the permit. This issue will be look into further to see if there are consistencies of the phases from previous plans.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Mike Lumetta from the Michigan Cannabis Development Association (MCDA) – Handed out information booklets from the MCDA addressing the Medical Marijuana Laws explaining the 5 tiers system; manufacturing, processing, testing, transportation and retail. Jamie Goswick from Canna Media Works handed out information, “Addressing Your Concerns about Marijuana” and patient demands for Michigan area. Cathleen Graham a register nurse from CS Health Stop, gave her medical professional opinion on Medical Marijuana. Shawn

McIntyre of Howell gave an overview of his severe injuries and how Medical Marijuana has help him where prescription medication has not. Shawn's father also stated how it has helped his son. Regina Momgaudas of Bloomfield is the first one who has brought this issue to Howell Township at a meeting in 2016. She is the owner of Hydraulic Investments LLC.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Freude, seconded by Henry, **"TO ADJOURN"** Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Date: _____

Andrew Sloan Chairman

Approved as presented: _____

Approved as Amended: _____

Wayne Williams, Secretary

Approved as Corrected: _____

Signed: _____

Debby Johnson - Recording Secretary