

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Monday, August 28, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Kilgore at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.
2. Present: Sandra Rairigh, Bryan Finkbeiner, Jim French, Tom Kilgore, Elizabeth Hansson and Craig Wandrie. Absent: Mark Sevald. Also present: Mike Bremer, Catherine Getty, Stephanie Skidmore, Joshua Smallwood, and Chad VanderVelde.
3. **MOTION** by Rairigh, support by Finkbeiner to approve the Agenda. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.
4. **MOTION** by French, support by Rairigh to approve the June 26, 2017 Minutes as printed. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.
5. Citizen Comments: None.
6. Reserved Time:
 - A. Chad VanderVelde – Backwoods Farm: Mr. VanderVelde provided an overview of his stance regarding the State of Michigan’s Medical Marijuana Legislation.
7. Public Hearings: None.
8. New Business:
 - A. Medical Marijuana: Getty provided an overview of the materials included in the Planning Commission’s packet which includes a draft memo from the Village of Middleville regarding their stance on Medical Marijuana Legislation. Bremer stated that Trustee DeMaagd had requested that Medical Marijuana be left on the Township Board Agenda. At the August 14, 2017 Board Meeting, DeMaagd made a MOTION (with support) to task the Planning Commission to look into the Medical Marijuana Legislation further and draft potential ordinances for Township Board review and possible approval. Bremer felt that the Board has yet to decide its stance on the Medical Marijuana Legislation. Kilgore feels that it’s premature to task the Ordinance Committee to develop potential medical marijuana facilities licensing ordinances without guidance as to the Township Board’s stance. Finkbeiner was in favor of making a recommendation not to adopt any ordinance since the State of Michigan has not provided guidance or recommendations. Rairigh indicated that the Township Board was trying to buy time by sending it to the Planning Committee. **MOTION** by Finkbeiner, support by Wandrie to refer the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing ordinances back to the Township Board for further clarification as to the township’s stance, including but not limited to: 1) types of facilities; 2) number of facilities; and 3)

gather public input prior to referral back to the Planning Commission for drafting of any ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED** with 5 yes voice votes.

B. Special Use #114 Aggregate Industries

i. Request for 60 day extension of current Special Use Permit

1. Staff Introduction/: Getty provided an overview of the request for the 60 day extension of the current Special Use #114 Permit for Aggregate Industries. Getty indicated that Aggregate Industries has received a request from the Department of Environmental Quality to update its hydrology study. Getty has received no negative public input and that Vriesman and Korhorn has inspected the site and indicated that it is operating within its previous permit. Vriesman and Korhorn stated that it has no objections to the 60 day extension of the current Special Use #114 Permit. French asked whether this extension would include the required conditions that are outlined in the original permit. Getty stated that Aggregate Industries would still be subject to the required conditions even with the permit's extension.
2. **MOTION** by French, support by Rairigh to approve the 60 day extension of the current Special Use #114 Aggregate Industries. Roll Call Vote: Sevald, Absent; French, Yes; Finkbeiner, Yes; Hansson, Yes; Kilgore, Yes; Rairigh, Yes; Wandrie, Yes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Unfinished Business: None.

10. Committee Reports:

- A. **Ordinance Committee** – No report.
- B. **Site Plan Committee** – No report.
- C. **Joint Planning Committee** – Getty provided an overview of the Joint Planning Committee meeting that took place August 21, 2017. Next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2017.

11. **Administrator's Report:**

- A. Zoning Permit Report – July & August: Report included in meeting packet.
- B. Enforcement Report – July & August: Report included in meeting packet.

12. **Commissioner Comments:** Kilgore requested that all Planning Commissioners become familiar with the State of Michigan's Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act.

13. **Adjournment:** **MOTION** by Rairigh, support by Finkbeiner to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.

Sandra Rairigh, Secretary

Stephanie Skidmore, Recording Secretary

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