

Minutes
Harrison Township Planning Commission
Monday, January 9, 2017

Present: David Barnas
Ken Crisafio
Thomas Cajka
Jason Paulovich
Janice Rawe

Charles Means, Township Solicitor

Jennifer Luzik, Acting Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mr. Barnas called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Mr. Barnas talked about deferment of annual report to the Board of Commissioners.
3. Mr. Barnas stated an application for 2017 grant was submitted. A list of CE classes for grant writers will soon be published. Ms. Bergstrom is already approved as grant writer.
4. Mr. Barnas stated Lindsay will be joining the Planning Commission to come on board with Comprehensive Plan. She will prepare a presentation for future meeting.
5. Mr. Barnas mentioned the possibility of a medical marijuana facility in Harrison Township.
6. Mr. Cajka stated there has to be a 1,000 foot buffer between a potential facility and R1/R2 districts.
7. Mr. Means referred to ACT 16 which states dispensaries that are located in same districts may not be able to add new zoning just for dispensary. The new law offers no opinion if in conformity.
8. Ms. Bergstrom stated if you have a liquor license the building must be at least 500 feet from school, church, etc...This is an LCB rule.
9. Mr. Means stated the law is so new so there is no solid foundation for being in ordinance.
10. Mr. Barnas recommended to accept proposal as is for now. No one challenged the meeting in Frazer.

11. Mr. Means stated the ordinance shall meet same ordinances as other commercial buildings in area.
12. Mr. Crisafio asked if the facility would permit smoking of marijuana for medicinal purposes in the facility.
13. Mr. Means stated the facility only permits ointments, pills, strips, patches, sprays, etc...no smoking permitted.
14. Mr. Crisafio asked why a local pharmacy could not dispense the medicinal products.
15. Mr. Barnas stated pharmacies cannot provide since there is no FDA approval.
16. Mr. Means stated only 50 licenses are available on the state, and each license can have 3 store fronts.
17. Mr. Crisafio made a motion to pass the medical marijuana facility zoning.
18. Mr. Paulovich seconded the motion.
19. All in favor.
20. Mr. Barnas referenced the noise ordinance and suggested a change since B1 properties abut R1/R2 (reference made to recent email received by Planning Commission).
21. Mr. Paulovich stated he gathered information from other townships and noted garbage is picked up during specific hours in commercial districts so as to not disturb neighbors.
22. Mr. Barnas stated the suggested change provides good, specific details.
23. Mr. Cajka made a motion to approve.
24. Mr. Crisafio seconded the motion.
25. All approve.
26. Mr. Crisafio mentioned to adjourn.
27. Mr. Paulovich seconded the motion.
28. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Luzik
Acting Recording Secretary