

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes from 12-7-2016 meeting

Members Present: Funke, Bregger, Holmes, Wooding

Come to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of 9-7-2016 Meeting: These were read by Funke. Motion to approve by Holmes. Second by Bregger. Minutes approved 4-0.

Old Business. Funke reported that a Joint resolution regarding the Dotson Wood Stove property is being worked on by the attorneys for the Township and the City of Bangor.

Township Plan: Discussion ensued as to maps currently available. Consensus was that Maps in the 2012 Plan and VBCO are sufficient for needs of the 2017 Plan. They provide a means for determining boundary lines and specific detail. They can be used proactively to obtain current information and reactively to provide a means to illustrate any future changes.

The following motion: "To instruct the Planning Consultant in writing to compose a 2017 Township Plan to include the 2012 narrative portions as written, and with updates of statistics as the Planning Consultant deems appropriate" was offered by Bregger, seconded by Holmes, and approved by a 4-0 vote.

This motion will be sent to Planning Consultant Kenneth Dettloff via email by Chairman Funke.

New Business: Holmes advised that a new Medical Marijuana Law (PA 281,282, and 283) takes effect in Michigan 12-20-2016. This is reported and discussed at length in the September issue of Planning and Zoning news. The law deals with Commercial enterprises, as opposed to what is presently allowed. It apparently will first be up to the local municipality as to whether such an activity will be allowed, and if yes to have the municipality develop a plan as to how such an operation will be allowed a Special Use Permit if necessary.

Such a facility can only be involved in one phase of the operation. Such an entity can grow. Or securely transport. Or test. Or sell. But not more than one at a given facility. Such operations will require a state license and be subject to annual review as to compliance. Also such an operation must be in an enclosed structure.

Discussion ensued as to what, if any, action the Planning Commission should undertake in anticipation of this issue coming up in the Township. Alternatives were discussed. Consensus was that this whole situation will involve legal analysis and recommendation, that we can observe other municipalities dealing with the same issue, and that any discussion by the Planning Commission as to

recommendations is premature. Consensus was that this issue should be part of the next Township Board Meeting, either as an agenda item or during the Planning Commission report.

Motion to adjourn by Wooding, seconded by Bregger. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by James Funke, Chair.