

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2016 7:30pm @ Galien Township Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:29pm.

Roll Call: Present- C. Lorance, J. Richter, K. Schmitz, C. Carr. Absent- E. James

C. Lorance made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 3.5 Appoint Moderator. C. Carr supported. Motion carried.

C. Lorance made a motion to appoint K. Schmitz as the meeting moderator. C. Carr supported. Motion carried. K. Schmitz abstained.

C. Lorance made a motion to approve the minutes from November 7th with following corrections/additions: 1. Change the word boo to book. 2. Include the date of the approved Blissful Barn event (11/12/2016). C. Carr supported. Motion carried.

Carie O'Donnell was present with her attorney Dan Grow. Carie stated that she would like to get a SUP for a medical marijuana grow consisting of 1500 plants. The law that would allow this takes affect 12/17/17. She will submit a written plan for her property next week for the Township Board and Planning Commission to review. Carie stated that this project would be very good for the community because it will provide jobs and tax revenues. Mr. Grow also stated that these facilities are very closely monitored by the state with "seed to sale" tracking. He also stated that all revenues collected by the state for these facilities is pooled and shared among the communities based on the number of facilities they have. The PC informed Carie and her attorney before her SUP could be considered we would need her plan in writing then the PC and Township Board will begin the process of writing an ordinance. Once the ordinance is written and approved we can then consider her SUP request.

Blissful Barn: The PC is still waiting on the updated SUP from Attorney Bell. We also need to ask Attorney Bell if we can make changes to the SUP without a public hearing. J. Richter will speak to Sara and inform the PC.

Master Plan: We are still hoping to get Marci from SWPC to come and speak to us about writing a Master Plan. C. Lorance also mentioned we will need to do a mass mailing with a questionnaire while writing the Master Plan to get input from the Township residents.

Ordinance Book: No progress has been made. J. Richter has been busy with trying to sort out the cemetery mess. She will have an updated ordinance book for the January meeting. ***L. James offered to help with the Ordinance Book updating.***

Visitors Comments: Mike O'Malley stated that if large medical grows are permitted in the township that part of their permit should include that they have to hire local workers and not bring people in from other areas. He stated in should be "In Galien, For Galien".

The next PC meeting is Monday January 2nd at 7:30.

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C. Lorange made a motion for adjournment. C. Carr supported. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.