

# Roscommon Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

September 11, 2017

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson Akin at 6:00 pm**

**Roll Call Vote of Members:** Brotebeck present, Milburn present, Jeske present, Akin present, Terrian absent.

**Zoning Administrator:** DuPuis present.

**Also in attendance:** Mike & Linda Kopischka, Joel Noerr.

- **Agenda: Motion: by Brotebeck, second by Jeske to approve the Agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All yes, Motion carried.**
- **Minutes: Akin asked the commissioners if they all had a chance to look over the previous meeting minutes. Motion: by Jeske, second by Brotebeck to approve the Aug 14, 2017 minutes as presented. All yes, Motion carried.**
- Akin began meeting by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to continue discussion and begin working on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Akin reviewed the Michigan State "Sample Ordinances" with the board and stated that the definitions looked good but that they didn't get into detail about distance required. Akin then asked if the Township had any discussion with Bill Fahey about the Medical Marijuana Ordinance. DuPuis responded that he had approached Diane about the commission's questions and legal concerns and she volunteered to have Mr. Fahey attend a future meeting if we desired. Akin then stated that we all had some homework to do from last meeting, that being items that each of us would like to see in a medical marijuana ordinance. DuPuis then added that the updated Township maps were promised by Mr. Bendily late the week of 9/11 or early the week of 9/18. Akin requested that each commissioner state the points that they want to see in the ordinance and asked Brotebeck to start. Brotebeck listed his as: 1) Not located in a residential zone, 2) No advertising or signage using a recognizable symbol, 3) Operating only during normal business hours such as 8:00 am to 5 pm or 9 to 6. Jeske stated that his are: 1) As to signage, no pictures, photos nor the word marijuana on the signs, 2) The distance from an educational facility should be at least 1000 feet, 3) No use of marijuana on the premises, 4) No residence permitted in the facility, 5) Reserve the right to amend ordinance at a later date, 6) Any licenses that they may acquire are non-transferable. Milburn then listed her points of concern are: 1) Person applying for license must be a Michigan resident, 2) Would like the distance stated from schools, playgrounds, parks, residential uses or residential districts, 3) Provide a security plan, 4) All transactions including transportation must be indoors. 5) Must have proof of liability insurance. Akin interjected, "this is one question we need to get an answer for, is it legal for us to ask for a proof of liability insurance?" Milburn continued with her list of points: 6) How do we regulate the growers and processors as to the quality of the ingredients and chemicals to assure that they are using only approved and/or quality materials, 7) How are we going to decide who gets a license. Akin then listed her points: 1) We need to have a statement on who or how the ordinance will be enforced. Akin then stated we need to get a legal opinion as to the legality of enforcing these points. Question is whether we should begin writing an ordinance before we have Fahey come to our meeting or should we have him attend a meeting when we have a draft of our ordinance? Akin then stated that she had contacted all four of the banks in our area and found none of them are doing any type of business with the medical marijuana providers at this point. Akin state that she would have no problem with beginning to write an ordinance or should we consider that we regulate with a special use permit which

can have more teeth? Akin then requested that DuPuis email the new map of the Township as soon as they are available from Mr. Bendily.

**ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

DuPuis: 1. Obtain updated township map 2. Discuss Fahey's attendance at Planning Commission Meeting with Diane.

- Public Comments: None
- Adjourning Meeting: Brotebeck made motion to adjourn, second by Jeske at 6:46 p.m. All yes, motion carried.
  - Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting Date: October 9, 2017.

  
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Kim Akin, Chairperson

  
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Bob Brotebeck, Secretary

Prepared and submitted by Terry A. DuPuis