

Crockery Township

Regular Planning Commission Meeting
June 16, 2020
Approved Minutes

Chairman Bill Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. Roll call was taken with Dave Meekhof, Bill Sanders, Ryan Arends and Rich Suhecki present.

Jon Overway, Mike Munch and Roy Holmes were absent.

Z.A. Robert Toland and Township Attorney Ronald Redick were also present for this meeting.

There were eight persons seated in the public gallery.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda

Approved as submitted.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the June 2, 2020 Special Planning Commission Meeting. A **motion** was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Rich Suhecki. Commissioner Dave Meekhof offered a 2nd. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4. Announcements

A. Township Board Report – Rich Suhecki

- 1) The latest phase of the North Bank Trail, from 130th Ave. to a trailhead in Nunica, has been completed and is open to the public. There will be a ribbon cutting and an open house at the Crockery Twp. Fire Department on Thursday, July 23, 2020.
- 2) The Township is currently in negotiations over the future of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which needs upgrading.

Agenda Item 5. Communications

None

Agenda Item 6. Public Comment

Chairman Bill Sanders asked for public comment. None was offered at this time.

Agenda Item 7. Action Items

A. Public Hearing – Zoning Amendments – Adult Use Marijuana

The Planning Commission has determined on its own initiative to recommend to the Township Board, amending the Crockery Township Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, the C-3 Highway Commercial zoning district sections 9B.02 and 9B.06 to provide for adult use marijuana retailer, secure transporter, processor and safety compliance facilities. Also, the I-1 Light Industrial zoning district sections 11.02 and 11.11 to provide for adult use marijuana grower, secure transporter, processor and safety compliance facilities.

It was noted that this recommendation, if approved, does not make allowance for adult (recreational) use facilities in the Township. Rather, the Planning Commission is recommending in a preliminary fashion, which zoning districts such uses would be allowed if the Township Board were to permit it.

Chairman Bill Sanders opened the Hearing for public comment:

- Mr. Mike Murphy, 12259 Cleveland, spoke in favor of the recommendation and noted the contributions to the township by the current medical marijuana operators in the township and their record of not attracting any complaints.
- Mr. Joe Neller representing Skymint, and Aaron Smith representing Agri-med (Exit 9), current medical marijuana provisional centers in the Township also spoke in favor of the recommendation and noted their first year anniversary without any complaints from the public.

After all public comment was heard, Chairman Bill Sanders closed the meeting for public comment and the Commission discussed the matter. A **motion** to recommend to the Township Board that the zoning ordinance amendments be approved was made by Commissioner Ryan Arends and a 2nd was offered by Commissioner Rich Suchecki. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 8. Presentations

none

Agenda Item 9. Discussion Items

A. Allow Chickens on Parcels Less Than One Acre

The Planning Commission has determined on its own initiative to amend Section 3.21 (4) (A-B) of the zoning ordinance to allow chickens on residentially zoned parcels smaller than 1 acre.

The Commission further discussed the overall keeping of livestock in residential zoning districts.

Commissioner Ryan Arends made **motion, via resolution**, to hold a hearing for public input on this matter on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., at the Township hall. A 2nd was offered by Commissioner Rich Suchecki. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ryan Arends at 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Rich Suchecki offered a 2nd. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Meekhof, Vice Secretary
Crockery Township Planning Commission

Next Regular Meeting – July 21, 2020