

Crockery Township

Regular Planning Commission Meeting
June 21, 2016
(Approved)

Chairman Bill Sanders called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM. Roll call was taken with Dave Meekhof, Bill Sanders, Ryan Arends, Rich Suhecki, Mike Munch and Roy Holmes present. Secretary Jon Overway was absent. Z/A Robert Toland was also present for this meeting.

Agenda Item 2. Approval of the Agenda

Action Items 7A - Public Hearing - SLU - Ellie Mae Properties and 7B - Resolution of Intent to hold a Public Hearing - SLU - VanderVennen were deleted. Discussion Item 9A - Ellie Mae Properties, was added.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 17, 2016 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. A **motion** was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Rich Suhecki. A 2nd was offered by Commissioner Ryan Arends. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item 4. Announcements

A. Township Board Report

Commissioner Rich Suhecki announced that the Township Trash Collection Day netted 19 tons of refuse. Also that one phase of brining Township gravel roads is complete, with two more phases scheduled for this year.

Agenda Item 5. Communications

None.

Agenda Item 6. Public Comment

None offered at this time.

Agenda Item 7. Action Items

None.

Agenda Item 8. Presentations

None.

Agenda Item 9. Discussion Items

A. Ellie Mae Properties

Diane Schindlbeck representing Ellie Mae Properties LLC has been pursuing a proposed use of parcel number 70-04-21-200-028, located at 16700 124th Ave., as a dog day care and training facility (a.k.a. Schindy's Place). However, recent zoning changes to the C-1 Commercial districts does not allow for this proposed use.

Ms. Schindlbeck was present, spoke and provided the Commission with an unsigned and undated letter outlining possible benefits for Crockery Township concerning the proposal. Also present were two neighboring residents, Roland Nelson, 16708 124th Ave. and Jean Ruitter, 16678 124th Ave., who spoke in opposition to the proposal citing noise and odor concerns based on previous experience with dog kennel operations at this location.

After listening to all concerned parties present, the Commission advised that due the current zoning, there are no further actions for the Planning Commission to take.

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Medical marijuana, condominiums, signs, etc.

Medical marijuana –

Documents provided to the Commissioners for this discussion were: 1) a letter from James Brown (Township Attorney) to Bob Toland (Zoning Administrator) dated May 17, 2016, Re: Zoning Ordinance Amendments – Medical Marijuana Home Occupations and 2) draft No. 3, Proposed Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Crockery (medical marijuana home occupation).

The Commission entered into a lengthy discussion where questions for Attorney James Brown came up. Also, a member of the public, Lane Sternberg of Grand Haven, a registered caregiver and grower, spoke informatively from experience, leading to more questions. The Commission requested the presence of Attorney James Brown and copies

of neighboring Township Ordinances pertaining to the subject matter and to proceed with this discussion in the July meeting.

Agenda Item 10. Adjournment

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Commissioner Mike Munch at 8:50 PM. A 2nd was offered by Commissioner Roy Holmes. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Meekhof, Vice Secretary
Crockery Township Planning Commission

Next Meetings: Regular Session - July 19, 2016
Special Session - TBD