

Clearwater Township
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting of September 11, 2017
As approved October 2, 2017

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:

Commissioners present: Backers, Eldridge, Fields, Parzych, Von See.

Township officials: Zoning Administrator Molby

Public: Duane & Deb McIntyre, Jerry Cannon, Doug Pemberton, Sallie & Al Gross, Jule Moore, and Carol Backers.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Call for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests:

Chair calls for commissioners to disclose any real or potential conflicts of interests. All commissioners declared none.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the minutes of August 7, 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda:

People speak of their concerns. There were no comments.

Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:

Commissioner Fields asked for a moment of silence in commemoration of the attack on our nation, sixteen years ago on this date. Chair Parzych agreed and a moment of silence was observed.

Commissioner Fields commented that in six days, on September 17, 2017, it would be the 230th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Commissioner Backers announced a Constitution Day event to be held on Saturday, September 16, at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Speakers will include Congressman Bergman.

Commissioner Backers said he had done some research on the M-72 corridor history, and learned that M-DoT has a 500 ft. required setback for commercial zoning along state highways. Chair Parzych added that M-72 is going to become all four-lane.

Ongoing Permanent Business:

Chair Parzych briefly reviewed the quantity of material distributed to the commissioners on the topic of the new Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. The commissioners are to read through the material and do whatever independent research they choose, on the matter. Chair Parzych has arranged for Don Bailey to come to our October meeting and make a full presentation of the information we all need before we begin deliberations on the question of

opting in or opting out of licensing facilities within our township. We will publish an announcement in the paper, inviting the public to come hear Mr. Bailey's presentation.

Old Business:

All old business has been put on hold as we work on the impending deadline for acting on the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.

Report of Township Representative:

Clerk Eldridge – reported that the township honored Pat Gray last month, as she retired from her township duties. The township awarded her a commemorative plaque, recognizing her 21 years of service. Parks and Recreation Committee has new, hand-painted, signs up at the parks and at the township hall. A dog station has been purchased, and is being installed at Heritage Park. The report was received from the fire hall committee, and the board has voted to have the building inspected, at a cost of no more than \$3,000.

Report of Zoning Administrator:

Zoning Administrator Molby – distributed his report for August, which report is hereby incorporated into the record by reference, and a copy of which, is attached to the permanent copy of these minutes as [Att A].

New Business

Commissioner Backers – commented that he is working on obtaining all the pertinent information that should be included in the next communication with the landowners along the M-72 corridor. He also noted there is a workshop on housing matters, on October 16, that he would like to attend.

Closing Public Comment:

Jerry Cannon – brought an update from the Michigan Heritage Foundation, with new information on the planned entryway monument. The plan is to make two pours of concrete, one this fall for the foundation, and a second one in the spring for the flag monument. It will be white, with the blue and red to be painted on and sealed. The Michigan Heritage Foundation will take care of the maintenance of the monument. Commissioner Backers inquired if the monument will be lit. Cannon responded that the flag monument will be lit. The park will be named Patriot Park. Discussion is underway with the TBAISD to have their carpentry class construct the chapel on the grounds.

The Zoning Ordinance requires a special use permit for the monument; a public hearing will be held at the start of the October 2 meeting of the Planning Commission. Cannon will be updating the Township Board on the plans at their September 20 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Molby commented that it's time to publish an updated amended Zoning Ordinance.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Backers, second by Fields, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:52 p.m.

Assignments:

- Fields to publish notice of October meeting with speaker on the medical marijuana matter.
- Fields to publish notice of public hearing on special use permit for Patriot Park monument.

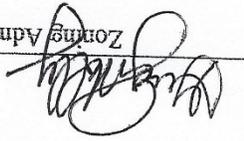
Next Meeting: October 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clearwater Township Community Center (a.k.a. the Little Red Schoolhouse).

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Norris Fields
Secretary

Zoning Administrator



Zoning Administration Monthly Report August 2017 Clearwater Township

4 Land Use Permits

1 Garages, Sheds 5136 Zimmerman Rd.

1 Residences 4531 William Rd.

Residences with Attached Garage

2 Pole Barns 2586 Rum Valley Rd.

Resident Additions

Decks, Porches, etc.

3 Miscellaneous, Other Buildings 2 Storage Units 7022 P. City Rd. 7587 Crows Bell Rd. (Barn)

13 Field Checks

2 Attorney Contacts

1 Planning Commission Meetings 8/07/17

36 Contacts with Public, Home and Land Owners Starbuck's, Starbucks, Starbucks, etc.

1 ZBA Meetings and/or Township Board Meetings 8/16/17

Training Sessions

1 Zoning Violations Sites, Arwood Trail