

Planning Commission:
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CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
CRYSTAL LAKE TOWNSHIP HALL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 16, 2017
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CALL TO ORDER- Call to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Wright.

ROLL CALL- In attendance: Chairman Greg Wright, Pasche, and Ewing, May and Herd. Also present Tom Kucera, Zoning Administrator.

CALL FOR CONFLICT- none

Approval of Agenda- a MOTION by Wright, with SUPPORT by Herd to accept agenda; MOTION carried, all ayes.

Approval of Minutes - a MOTION by Wright with Support by Herd to accept the minutes from July 26, 2017; Motion carried, all ayes.

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Brooke Trentham-Township Treasurer, and one resident (arriving 8:10 pm)

PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM

Tom Kucera led a power point presentation explaining the current Michigan Law defining permitted uses to provide and distribute Medical Marihuana. The ZA explained the Public Act 281- the five types of lawful uses for cultivation, processing and distribution of Medical Marihuana. The Chair stated that medical Marihuana is covered under the HIPPA Laws as it is a prescribed medicine authorized by a patients' doctor.

A discussion held among all members about the right to farm act and how it does NOT cover grower facilities.

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The Commission members queried the ZA as to the permitted uses in the RP districts. The State allows for placement of these facilities in an industrial or Agricultural district. The RP districts allow for Agricultural uses and growing would be allowed within these districts. Allowed uses are:

Grower, Provisioning Center, Secure Transporter, Processor and safety compliance.

The State Of Michigan has created the Medical Marihuana Licensing Board (MMLB). This Board has the Authority to grant, deny, suspend, or revoke licenses.

The ZA informed the members the options for Townships.

DO NOTHING- no medical marihuana allowed;
ADOPT A RESOLUTION-prohibiting any or all types of facilities;
ADOPT ORDINANCES -authorizing one (1) or more of the five types of facilities; LIMITING the number of each of the five types of facilities; and ESTABLISHING an annual license fee not to exceed \$5000. If the Township decides to allow facilities the Township will need to adopt BOTH a Police Power Ordinance and a Zoning Ordinance to establish standards, location, and any other requirements necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the residents.

The Members all discussed the possibilities of allowing facilities.

T. May states that MSU Extension office is providing seminars addressing this topic.

PUBLIC INPUT

The members and the 2 public present discussed the pros and cons of creating an ordinance allowing any of the five permissible uses. The Chair and Zoning Administrator suggests another informational hearing with invited guests to help inform the public.

The Members adjourned at 8:37pm
The next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Michalak
Recording Secretary