

**Charter Township of Ironwood
Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2018**

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. The Regular Meeting/Public Hearing was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Joe Kafczynski, Joe Rohde, Jason Hofstede, Marlene Saari- Mieloszyk, Darrin Kimbler, Bob Lynn, Sandy Lahtinen

Absent: none

Also Present: LeRoy Johnson, Jim Smith

Public Comment: A citizen who lives on Summit View Drive encouraged the board to support Medical Marijuana in the township. He stated that supporting Medical Marijuana would provide good agriculture, jobs, and revenue. It could add blighted properties to the tax rolls and can be highly regulated. Citizen explained Medical Marijuana vs. hemp and how it could provide compassionate care and support veterans who suffer from PTSD.

Additions and/or Approval of Agenda: Motion by Marlene Saari-Mieloszyk, seconded by Kimbler to add a new Communication section to the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Lynn, seconded by Kafczynski, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding SB1210 under a new Communications section versus putting SB1210 under New Business. Motion carried.

Approval of September 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Saari, seconded by Kimbler, to approve the September 20, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator:

Monthly Report(s) -August, September, and October, 2018 LeRoy Johnson
Zoning Board of Appeals – Case #18-133 – Johnson, gave information and answered questions on the Variance Request on E5281 Sunset Road. He will have more information once he receives the minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Motion by Kimbler, Seconded by Rohde to approve the monthly reports and place them & correspondence on Zoning Board of Appeals decision on file. Motion carried.

Communications: The Zoning Administrator passed out information on Medical Marijuana and Senate Bill No. 1210. The secretary also read information on Senate Bill No. 1210 from Gerald Fisher, law professor at Cooley Law School who testified that this bill would violate a section of the state constitution, “that no person shall have the right to use roadways without the approval of local elected officials.” Senate Bill 1210 did not pass the senate.

New Business: 2019 Meeting Dates were approved as follows:

January 17, 2019, April 18, 2019, July 18, 2019, October 17, 2019, and December 19, 2019.

Information on Medical Marijuana & Zoning, Zoning Land Use, Correspondence, Meetings, Permit Log, Zoning Board of Appeals were given to board members and questions answered. Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Rohde, to approve the 2019 Meeting dates and to place the Zoning Administrator's reports on file. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Kimbler explained graphs from the Master Plan update and comparison graphs he compiled. Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Rohde to keep the subcommittee of Hofstede, Saari-Mieloszyk, and Kimbler to do a comparison study of the 2012 Master Plan results vs. 2017 Master Plan Responses. The subcommittee will meet on 1/7/2019 at 5:30. The subcommittee will bring their results back to the Planning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion passed on a roll call vote with Lahtinen voting no.

Public Comment: A citizen stated that he didn't receive a hard copy of the Master Plan/marijuana survey, also discussed recreation opportunities/improvements including bicycling, the walking track, and use of the library.

Adjournment/Schedule Next Meeting: Motion by Kimbler, seconded by Rohde, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be January 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Jason Hofstede, Chairman

Sandy Lahtinen, Secretary