

Little Traverse Township Planning Commission
May 2, 2017 7:30 PM
Township Hall

Minutes

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Chairman Van Berlo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present: Martin Van Berlo, Joe Chattaway, Tom Fairbairn, Chip Radle & Shirley Snyder

Absent: None

Also present: Bill Dohm, & Rand Marquardt

Chairman Van Berlo advised that this was the first meeting of the Twp. Planning Commission of this fiscal year, and that it was necessary to elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for 2017/18.

Mr. Dohm polled the current Officers to see if they were willing to serve another term in offices they previously held. All three agreed. Mr. Dohm then asked if there were any other Board members interested in serving as officers. There were none.

A **motion** was then made by Mr. Fairbairn with support by Mr. Chattaway that Mr. Van Berlo be nominated for Chairperson, Mr. Radle be nominated for Vice Chairperson, Mr. Fairbairn be nominated for Secretary, that the nominations be closed, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Agenda: A **motion** was made by Mr. Chattaway with support by Mr. Radle to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote. (*see attachment page 3*)

Minutes: A **motion** to approve the minutes of February 13, 2017 as presented was offered by Mr. Chattaway and supported by Mr. Radle. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment: Chairman Van Berlo opened the meeting to public comment.
There were no public comments.

2017/18 Meeting Schedule: A meeting schedule was presented based on the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting. Following discussion, a **motion** was made by Mrs. Snyder with support from Mr. Chattaway to hold regular meetings, when warranted, on the first Tuesday of each month and on the following Wednesday if there is a conflict with elections, as indicated on the attached meeting schedule (*see attachment page 4*). The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Van Berlo opened item #8 on the agenda as discussion on a possible Ordinance amendment to clarify that noting in the Zoning Ordinance shall constitute authorization to locate or operate a **marihuana facility** within the township pursuant to the MMMLA (Act 281 of 2016).

Mr. Dohm presented suggested language changes that were supplied by Twp. Legal Council (*see attachment page 5*).

Upon discussion, it was decided, by unanimous consent, to hold a public hearing on the suggested change at the next available meeting.

Chairman Van Berlo opened item #9 on the agenda as discussion on a possible Ordinance amendment to **Section 1308 SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS**, to use the Emmet County proposed sign section as a starting point to bring the Township Ordinance into compliance with recent court rulings regarding content neutral signs.

Upon discussion, it was decided, by unanimous consent, to hold a public hearing on the suggested changes at the next available meeting, once the Emmet County firms up their changes.

Other Open Discussion for issues not on the agenda:

a. **Correspondence:** Networks N/W mail.

b. **Planning Commission Members:** Chairman Van Berlo asked if there were any comments from Planning Commission Members.

Mr. Van Berlo reported that the Fire Chief Cupps had conveyed to him that the Fire Department is willing to review future pertinent site plans to make sure fire safety rules are met. Mr. Dohm said he would review how we can integrate his offer into processing future site plans.

c. **Township Board Members:** Mr. Dohm demonstrated the big screen monitor with a previous site plan to see how it compared to the projector. He also indicated that he would be looking into assistance in dealing with an update to the Recreation Plan and the Township Master Plan.

There was then an interchange of discussion with Rand Marquardt regarding the Medical Marihuana operations in the Township relative to the new MMMLA. No action was taken.

Adjourn: There being no further business to be brought before the commission, Chairman Van Berlo adjourned the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Date approved 7-6-17
Secretary Tom Fairbairn
Tom Fairbairn

Respectfully Submitted,
William P. Dohm,
Supervisor

LITTLE TRAVERSE TOWNSHIP
EMMET COUNTY, MICH.

Regular Meeting of the Township Planning Commission
May 2, 2017
7:30 P.M.
at
The Township Hall

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call: Martin Van Berlo, Joseph Chattaway, Shirley Snyder, Chip Radle
Tom Fairbairn
3. Election of officers. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary
4. Approve the agenda.
5. Approve the Minutes of February 13, 2017.
6. 2017/18 meeting schedule.
7. Public Comment.
8. Discuss an amendment to clarify that nothing in the Zoning Ordinance shall constitute authorization to locate or operate a marijuana facility within the township pursuant to the MMMLA (Act 281 of 2016).
9. Discuss changing Section 1308. SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS: (see Emmet County proposal).
10. Open Discussion for issues not on the agenda.
 - a. Correspondence:
 - b. Planning Commission Members
 - c. Township Board Members
11. Adjourn.

(Note - If a Board member is not able to attend this meeting, please call the office, 526-0351.)

Little Traverse Township
8288 S. Pleasantview Road
Harbor Springs, Michigan 49740
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REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

April	4,	2017	7:30 PM	Township Hall
May	2,	2017	7:30 PM	8288 S. Pleasantview Road
June	6,	2017	7:30 PM	"
July	5,	2017	7:30 PM	"
August	1,	2017	7:30 PM	"
September	5,	2017	7:30 PM	"
October	3,	2017	7:30 PM	"
November	7,	2017	7:30 PM	"
December	5,	2017	7:30 PM	"
January	2,	2018	7:30 PM	"
February	6,	2018	7:30 PM	"
March	6,	2018	7:30 PM	"
April	3,	2018	7:30 PM	"

Regular Planning Commission Meetings may be cancelled for lack of agenda items.

Proposed Amendment to the Little Traverse Township Zoning Ordinance to add the following in Article XIII:

Section 1309

"Nothing in this zoning ordinance shall constitute authorization to locate or operate a "marihuana facility" within the township pursuant to the Michigan Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act ("MMFLA"), Act 281 of 2016, MCL 333.27101 et seq., and any amendments thereto. The location or operation of a "marijuana facility" may only occur if specifically authorized by another township ordinance in accordance with the MMFLA.