

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Unapproved Minutes

June 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm

Members Present Wendy Faber, Nicole Kelly, Diane Vaughan, Kelly Eddy, Rita Goul

Minutes were read from the April 5th, meeting. Wendy made a motion to accept the minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. Minutes approved with correction Wendy reported that another sale in Forested District did not go through because of setbacks.

Also present Dan Mieske and Dennis Goul.

Old Business:

Cannabis-Township Board needs to adopt ordinances for Marijuana.

Choice for Medical Marijuana License-would need to be opted in. Recreational Marijuana License would need to be opted out. Adult Use Marijuana Facility would require a \$5000.00 non-refundable application fee, and an annual reapplication and inspection fee (\$5,000.00). Matthew and Jennifer Jenve were not present at the meeting and no one has heard from them regarding starting a Marijuana growing business.

Dangerous Building Ordinance-This is covered under Midland County Ordinance. Property owners have a certain period to clean up/dismantle/demolish property. Monetary fees would be added to property taxes if not cleaned up within a specific period of time.

Waterfront Lot Clarification-10 ft clarification. Front is facing the water. Frontage is 25ft front and back. Definitions page 2.5 Frontage exception is listed "navigational waterfront, the front yard is considered facing the water in residential and in planned development."

Forested and Agriculture-Forested needs to be changed to 25 ft for minimum side and rear yard setbacks. Change chart on page 5.16 of the Ordinance also

Seasonal Roads-Are outlined by State of Michigan. Property owners should inquire about maintenance of seasonal roads through State guidelines and Midland County. November through April they are not maintained. Township residents can apply to Midland County to get a permit to clean themselves.

New Business: Set Public Hearing for changes to Forestry setbacks and Marijuana.

Public Hearing can be held in August or October. Planning members can have another meeting in between regular meetings. An additional meeting if needed was approved by Township Board. Or could be used next year if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 Next meeting August 2, 2023