

Hope Township Planning Commission

Regular Meeting Unapproved Minutes

August 2, 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, Alternate Jennifer Salisbury

Minutes were read from the June 7th meeting. Rita made a motion to accept the minutes and Kelly seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Dennis Goul was also present.

Old Business: Waterfront Lot Clarification: Front and Rear Setbacks are 25 ft.

Agriculture and Forested Districts side setbacks need to be changed to 25ft for rear also. The chart on 5.16 of the Ordinance needs to be changed also.

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). Members are researching information for allowing a Grow facility.

Matthew and Jennifer Jenve had contacted the Township regarding a Marijuana growing business.

New Business: Gladwin County has a Marijuana dispensary. Oscoda Township has detailed Marijuana facilities description in their Ordinance.

Board members will check on surrounding Townships Ordinance's for Marijuana provisioning.

Diane Lincoln and Jerome, Wendy Edenville and Mills. Kelly Billings and Larkin. Nicole Jerome Township.

Also, Geneva, Lee, Homer Townships.

Jerome Township allows one Dispensary. Requires special use permit. Need to re-apply after 5 years.

If allowed in Hope Township a Grow Facility would be restricted to Agricultural, Forested and Commercial districts.

The Planning Board will gather information to present to the Township Board.

For a grow facility the number of plants allowed would be addressed. Growing would need to be restricted to an indoor facility. Odor is considered a factor. Also, security.

Members will investigate fees assessed for allowing Marijuana business in the Township.

Members agreed that a Solar Facility would be welcome in the Township.

Set Public Hearing for changes to Waterfront lot wording that did not get changed correctly in updated Ordinance and Forestry setbacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 Next meeting Wednesday, September 13 is a Public Hearing to change setbacks. Regular meeting will be October 4th.