

MINUTES

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MONTCALM TOWNSHIP HALL

July 26, 2017

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chairman Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- Chairman Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Jeff Dolphin (Vice-Chair), James Lantz (Secretary), Robert Hemmes (Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison)
Amy Richards (Township Board Liaison)
- Members absent: None
- Guests/Others present:
 - Mike Nelson (Zoning Administrator)
 - Approximately 200 citizens

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Chairman Karnatz briefly discussed ground rules for the Public Hearing, including the need for decorum, civility, and respect for others.
- A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Jim Lantz and seconded by Robert Hemmes. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting was made by Jeff Dolphin and seconded by Amy Richards. Motion passed unanimously.

READING OF THE DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

- Chairman Karnatz provided some background information about the job of the Planning Commission in general, and about the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act.
- Jim Lantz read aloud the draft amendment. Printed copies were distributed to the attendees.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONCERNING THE DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

- Detective Lieutenant Steven Rau, of the Michigan State Police, shared a PowerPoint presentation about Colorado's experience with marihuana.
- Approximately 20 citizens shared their thoughts about the proposed amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jeff Dolphin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Lantz, Secretary