

MINUTES  
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION  
MONTCALM TOWNSHIP HALL  
May 1, 2019 7:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Chairman Richard Karnatz led the Pledge of Allegiance

CALL TO ORDER

- Chairman Richard Karnatz called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

- Members present: Richard Karnatz (Chair), Robert Hemmes (Zoning Board of Appeals Liaison), Erin Nerychel (Secretary), Jessica Shearer (Board Liaison), Jeff Dolphin (Vice-Chair)
- Members absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Robert Hemmes made a motion to approve the agenda. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Robert Hemmes made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENT FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

- Mike commented on private road set back requirements and asked this topic be added to the agenda for next Planning Commission meeting.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Richard Karnatz reviewed a letter from Montcalm County Planning Commission in regards to wind and solar ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lot Fencing Requirements
  - Discussed clear vision areas

- Discussed definitions for set back from water and from road. Mike Nelson has ask the DEQ about set back requirements for water.
- Robert Hemmes made a motion to table fencing requirements to next meeting. Jeff Dolphin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Inoperable Car Storage Discussion
  - Discussed making this a policed ordinance
  - Discussed minimum number of vehicles allowed.
  - Discussed only restricting in residential zoning districts.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW BUSINESS

- Turk Lake resident asked Planning Commission look at set back requirements for landscaping along and/or near roads and how set backs are measured.
- Turk Lake resident commented not all private roads are community owned. For example, Oak Dr. is privately owned and homeowners have deeded access.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Medical Marijuana
  - Discussed Robert Hemmes tour of medical marijuana dispensary and processing facility in Jackson. Site had fenced area, security cameras, and visitor sign-in.
  - Discussed Pinconning Township ordinance
  - Discussed number of permits allowed per type of facility, improve definitions.
  - Robert Hemmes made a motion to forward the draft of Montcalm Township Medical Marihuana Facilities Amendment to the attorney for review. Jessica Shearer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT ON OLD BUSINESS

- Trinity Cannabis rep asked about general timeline for next steps, when a public hearing would take place and recommendation to board.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- Jeff Dolphin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Robert Hemmes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Nerychel, Planning Commission Secretary