

**MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD: RIVES TOWNSHIP HALL**

April 13, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Roger DeCamp, Dwight Carmer, Cliff Herl, Jim Lindstrom, Phyllis Pitmon.  
All present.

Chairman DeCamp introduced members of the PC to residents attending the meeting and proceeded to explain the Agenda to them and the process by which we conduct our meeting.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the agenda for the 4/13/17 Planning Commission Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Mr. Herl made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 16, 2017 Regular Meeting, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 16, 2017 Special Hearing, second by Mr. Carmer. All ayes.

Chairman DeCamp asked for communication from the Township Board. Mr. Carmer reported the ZBA had nothing to report. Mr. Herl reported for the Township Board 1) Railroad Crossings in Twp. The Township will be paying \$24,000 (quote from the County) for each of the two crossings we are paying for. Henry Road Crossing and the Broughwell Road Crossing are the two locations we are responsible to repair. The Railroad, Mark Dombrowski, will be paying for the other two crossings and the Board has not been informed what those two will be; 2) The Township Board passed their budget for the 2017-2018 year; and 3) The Board will be meeting the first Thursday following the first Monday this year.

Chairman DeCamp informed us that he is getting phone calls from investors in regard to medical marijuana. He has informed persons that the State will not be issuing licenses until December of this year.

Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments and Brianna Davis, 4500 Rives Eaton Road, commented she does not want marijuana approval in the Township. Chairman DeCamp explained that in September of 2016 regulatory framework was passed into Law. It is an opt-in Law for Townships' to allow (5) different regulations of this product. Conversation continued further explaining the subject and the MMM Act and that Law separates it from commercial as it will be an agricultural product. Expense fees will be \$5,000 in addition to what we get from the product. At 7:23 PM public comments closed.

Chairman DeCamp introduced Brianna Davis (address above) to the PC and handed out a copy of a Special Land Use Permit Application for a Group Child Care Home. Their home sits on 1.3 acres of land and she had investigated all of the requirements by the State in order to comply with their licensing procedure. She introduced Shawna Howe as her assistant in the Group Child Care Home and the intent

of having one other worker to help out. Chairman DeCamp explained the steps that need to be taken with the Township and the Special Hearing that would take place prior to approval by the PC and then our recommendation to the Township Board. Discussion ensued as to parking, driveway access, playground equipment and fencing. The State does not require fencing, however, our Code of Ordinances requires a fence. Ms. Davis indicated they would be putting in a fence 80 x 125 sq. ft. The PC discussed the Site Plan and it was unanimously decided that it was adequate with the fencing outlined. Members of the PC made a decision to have a Public Hearing on April 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

At 8:29 PM, the Members began the process of working on the Surveys that were sent out to residents. It was decided we would go through the Surveys until 9:30 PM.

At 9:30 PM Chairman DeCamp opened the floor for public comments. George Ulloa, 3999 E. Territorial Road made a comment about the medical marijuana question on the Survey that he would have liked to see more depth to the explanation that what we had. At 9:40 PM Public Comments were closed.

Chairman DeCamp asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Carmer made a motion, second by Mr. Herl. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis M. Pitmon, Secretary

Next Public Hearing and Regular Meeting date: **Thursday April 27, 2017, 7:00 PM**

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