

ONOTA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM

Present: Michael Tarr, Brian Bresette, Brian Mahoney, Vicky Ray, Bill Dunham, Fred Ivers, Erin Leahy Putvin

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Brian Mahoney

Motion carried: 7-0

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 8-13-2019 meeting as amended to remove the term "sativa."

Motion: Brian Bresette

Support: Brian Mahoney

Motion carried: 7-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Zoning Administrator: Mike Tietjen

- Provided documents for the Planning Commission on the map of approved medical cannabis and where counties have opted-in or opted-out, what the difference is in the three acts, and how those acts apply. Copies will be made and provided at the next meeting.
- One application is currently in limbo and waiting for clarification.
- There has been no real movement on the legal vacation rental. Townships may end up with no local oversight if the state decides to regulate vacation rentals. This means that there will no longer be conditional use decisions and that the R-5 section on short term rental will open up if state decides to regulate. This will be worked on as terms come up through the state.

B. Township Board Representative: Brian Bresette

- The AT&T tower is on hold. Permit expires in 2020.
- There will be a public hearing on October 17, 2019 at 7pm concerning Ordinance Enforcement Officer and allowing Officer, Sheriff, or Supervisor to administer citations for ordinance violations.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence was received from Kristen Matson with the DNR concerning sharing ideas on state forest planning.
- Correspondence was received from Jarrod Biebel concerning his presentation on the concept of Onota Township applying for state support from the Michigan DNR ORV Trail Improvement Fund. The Onota Township Board encouraged Mr. Biebel to pursue discussion with Compass/Hancock Forests and private landowners for permission. Most of the private entities currently gate, especially in the summer, due to concerns of land damage from ORVs.

VI. COMMISSION CONCERNS

- Welcome to Vicki Ray! Vicki assumed the position left available by the recent move of Martin Dolan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Motion: Brian Mahoney

Support: Michael Tarr

Motion carried: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Leahy Putvin
Planning Commission Secretary