

FREEMAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Minutes For October 1, 2018

Chairman Phillips called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Planning Commission Members Present: Phillips, Pohoda, Eckardt and Maas

Absent: Barnett.

A quorum was present.

Others Present: Al Housler and Harold Logan

Minutes: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion "To accept the September 10, 2018 meeting minutes as written with the addition of Mr. Eckardt being present." Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Eckardt: Motion Carried.

Agenda: Chairman Phillips asked for a motion "To accept the October 1, 2018 Planning Meeting Agenda as written: Pohoda, 2nd Eckardt: Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Business Activities:

A. Chairman's Comments: None.

B. Education – General:

1. Chairman Phillips stated that he had not seen much in the way of education in the mail lately. Al Housler stated that there would probably be more in the winter time or spring. Chairman Phillips added that he would like to see something concerning oil wells.

C. Zoning Administrator/Blight Officer Report:

1. Mr. Logan stated that he had sixteen (16) blight issues he was following currently all of which were for inoperable vehicles. Mr. Logan went on to state that he had sent notices to all but was having a hard time contacting Conrad Blain about a property just west of M-115 on Ashard.

D. Current Business:

1. Long Term Agenda: None.

2. Review Draft 1 of Ordinance 11, Rewrite of Sections 4 and 5:

- a. After reviewing the amended language of Section 4.; changing it from Definitions to Duties, eliminating Section 5.; Authority, and changing all references of an "Officer" to "Zoning Administrator" all Planning commission members present agreed the changes were acceptable.
- b. Chairman Phillips asked Mr. Logan if he had any input. Mr. Logan stated that the ordinance was fine as is but was probably not necessary though it could not hurt to have it in the record.
- c. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to accept the amended Ordinance 11 as written with a letter of recommendation to approve sent to the Freeman Township Board.
- d. A motion was made by Mr. Pohoda, 2nd Mr. Eckardt. Motion Carried.

3. Review the Planning Commission 2019 Budget:

- a. Mr. Maas noted that he had left out the 2018 Expense Total which he stated came to 4,004.44.
- b. After reviewing the Planning Commission 2019 Budget Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to accept the Planning Commission 2019 Budget as written and send it to the Freeman Township Board.
- c. A motion was made by Mr. Pohoda, 2nd Mr. Eckardt. Motion Carried.

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4. **2019 Planning Commission Meeting Dates:**
 - a. It was agreed by all Planning Commission members present that the following would be the 2019 Planning Commission meeting dates:
March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9 (September 2 is Labor Day), October 7 and November 4, 2019.
 - b. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to accept the 2019 Planning Commission meeting dates as written with a copy to be given to the Clerk.
 - c. A motion was made by Mr. Pohoda, 2nd Mr. Eckardt. Motion Carried.
5. **Master Plan: No action.**

E. New Business:

1. **Mr. Housler stated that he had received a copy of an example ordinance concerning the Michigan Regulation and Taxation Act from the township lawyer with the recommendation the township adopt and approve the ordinance before the Act goes into effect if Freeman Township elects to not have marijuana facilities within the township.**
Mr. Housler further stated that the township currently has no ordinance to deal with stopping marijuana facilities; that the township only approved a moratorium in the past.
Mr. Housler stated that the revenue from such facilities would be minimal at best for the township and that the township would carry any and all the financial burdens concerning allowing the facilities.
 - a. All Planning Commission members present agreed that it would be in the townships best interest at this time to adopt such an ordinance to kept marijuana facilities out of Freeman Township as we had approved past moratoriums.
 - b. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to accept and use the language of the example ordinance as Freeman Township Ordinance 36 – Ordinance Concerning The Michigan Regulation And Taxation Of Marijuana Act as written, with the exception that “marihuana” be changed to “marijuana” and a letter of recommendation be sent to the Freeman Township Board.
 - c. A motion was made by Mr. Pohoda, 2nd Mr. Eckardt. Motion Carried.

- F. Adjournment: Motion: Pohoda, 2nd Eckardt “To adjourn”. Motion Carried. Time 10:46 AM.**

Gary Maas, Secretary

