

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
327 S. HANCOCK STREET
PENTWATER, MICHIGAN 49449

September 7, 2017

Chairperson Dave Spitler called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Dave Spitler asked for Roll Call attendance.

ROLL CALL

Paula DeGregorio, Vice Chairperson	Present
Tom Davis	Absent
Myrna Carlin, Secretary	Absent (Excused)
Terry Cluchey	Present
Jim Gwillim	Present
Janice Siska	Present
Dave Spitler, Chairperson	Present

Keith Edwards the Zoning Administrator was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS.

Dave Spitler asked for approval of the Agenda for tonight's meeting. Janice Siska made a motion to approve Agenda and Jim Gwillim seconded. All ayes and the Agenda was approved.

Dave Spitler asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Pentwater Township Planning Commission meeting held on August 8, 2017. Jim Gwillim made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Terry Cluchey seconded. All ayes and the minutes of August 8, 2017 were approved.

Dave Spitler had no opening remarks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments for items not on the agenda – None.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Medical Marihuana – repeal Ordinance No. 08-08-12, amend Section 2.14 – Definitions; delete Section 15.04.DD, and add Section 3.37 – Prohibition of Medical Marihuana Facilities within the Township - as recommended by the Township Attorney. Set a date for a public hearing.

Zoning Administrator Keith Edwards introduced the proposed amendment with an explanation of the 2016 Medical Marihuana Facilities Act and what he learned from the recent seminar on the topic sponsored by the Michigan Township Association in Cadillac on August 16. Mr. Edwards also explained that after conferring with the Township Attorney, the proposed amendment was drafted to repeal the previous provisions added to the ordinance in 2012, in favor of defining Medical Marihuana Facilities in accordance with the Act while prohibiting their use in the Township. Thus, keeping in mind the allowance for Medical Marihuana patients and caregivers in accordance with the 2008 Initiative approved by the voters in 2008 called the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act.

After discussion by the Planning Commission, Mr. Edwards recommended the Planning Commission set a date for a public hearing on the amendments at the next available Planning Commission meeting.

Jan Siska made a motion to establish October 10, 2017 as the date for the public hearing on the Medical Marihuana Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Jim Gwillim Seconded. All Ayes and the public hearing date for the Zoning Ordinance Amendments was set for October 10, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Terry Cluchey made a motion to adjourn and Jim Gwillim seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator

September 11, 2017

Approved by the Planning Commission

Myrna Carlin, Planning Commission Secretary

Date