

**ROSS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 8, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chairperson Lauderdale called the special meeting of the Ross Township Planning Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Ross Township Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jim Lauderdale, Chairperson
Russell Fry`
Greg Pierce (by phone)
Jeff Price
Sherri Snyder
Jesse Zamora

Absent: Victor Ezbenko

Also present: Kelly Largent, AGS – Township Zoning Administrator
Rebecca Harvey – Township Planning Consultant
Rob Thall – Township Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

It was noted that the ‘Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes’ would be conducted at the January 22, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment on non-agenda items was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing – Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Section 2.2 – Definition of Terms

Section 4.3 – Special Land Uses (AG District)

Section 5.3 – Special Land Uses (R-R District)

Section 12.3 – Special Land Uses (I-R District)

Article 20, Item 35 – Commercial Medical Marijuana Facilities

Chairperson Lauderdale opened the public hearing. He gave an overview of the proposed amendments, noting that the Planning Commission had also had extensive discussion on the draft text at the December 18, 2017 meeting. Chairperson Lauderdale reiterated that he was pleased with the simple and straight forward nature of the proposed ordinance provisions.

Harvey confirmed that the draft text dated January 8, 2018 incorporates the modification to Subsection B. discussed by the Planning Commission in December.

Fry questioned if any changes in the laws/rules had occurred at the State level since the December 18, 2017 Planning Commission discussion. Attorney Thall responded that that there have been no changes. He added that Ross Township is ahead in the process compared to many communities in this area and that this ordinance language will likely be used as a model ordinance.

Kyle Barker expressed his appreciation for the change made to Subsection B. He added that ‘the beauty of this ordinance is in the simplicity of the approach’. No further public comment was offered on the matter. Chairperson Lauderdale stated that no written correspondence had been received regarding the proposed amendment. He then closed the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Fry moved to recommend approval by the Township Board of the proposed amendments to the Ross Township Zoning Ordinance as set forth in the January 8, 2018 Public Hearing Notice. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairperson Lauderdale stated that all Unfinished Business is ‘on hold’ until the January 22, 2018 regular Planning Commission meeting.

MEMBERS, CONSULTANTS, ADVISORS

No member comments were offered.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7.19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rebecca Harvey, AICP, PCP
Township Planning Consultant