

Watertown Township  
Planning commission  
Regular Meeting  
December 21, 2017

Members Present: Al Stoutenburg, Mark Batkie, Dale Schoen, Amanda Aldrich and Sheila Coats, also present Zoning Administrator, Richard Honaman.

Members Absent: William Dixon.

Guests: None

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Al Stoutenburg, Chairman, all present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Marijuana ordinance and setbacks of fences, trees and meeting dates for upcoming year.

Minutes: Any additions or corrections from September 21, 2017, motion to approve minutes by Dale Schoen, second by Amanda Aldrich, minutes approved.

First item on agenda was the public hearing on the Master Plan, no public present, some discussion and then a recommendation to the Board for approval. Close public hearing, tonight we take roll call vote and send to Township Board. City of Sandusky is working on their Master Plan, nothing new with vision of the future. Motion made to adopt the Master Plan presented by Sheila Coats, second by Mark Batkie, roll call vote: Mark Batkie, yes; Al Stoutenburg, yes; Dale Schoen, yes; Amanda Aldrich, yes, Sheila Coats, yes. No responses from any neighboring communities, motion approved. (Ask Lori from Spicer Group for copies)

Al Stoutenburg brought up that in Township MTA magazine article on Marijuana, some concern to Planning Commission being responsible to inform Board of what stand we are taking. Stated he would need action by Municipalities by December 15, 2017 to opt in to allow medical marijuana grow operations in your Township. Existing operating can continue to operate. State doesn't want to deal with those operations. MTA recommends to Township Board to **Not** adopt an ordinance allowing any of the facilities authorized by the MMFLA.

Al Stoutenburg spoke with individual with setbacks for trees and fences in Custer Township. Mark Batkie stated in 1900's a gentlemen's agreement was used to put fences in certain location on ditch banks because convenience, what is a legal matter. Rich Honaman stated legal to have adjoining property to allow to cut off branches on other owners property. Normally fences are located on the property lines. He will look into any possible guidelines with MTA.

Discussion on adding new member, Al Stoutenburg spoke with Nathan Campbell, and he is considering the position. Rich Honaman mentioned Scott Kenny again. We will discuss again

at March meeting. Decision was made that we need to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission with Gary Fetting resigning.

Discussion on Internet on Public Questionnaire. Some in Township wanted to put in lines and put on a millage to cover costs.

Discussion on New officers. Gary Fetting was Vice Chairman. Al stated elections to positions are a 1 year term. Sheila Coats made a nomination of Dale Schoen as Vice Chairman, second by Amanda Aldrich. Dale Schoen is now Vice Chairman. Meeting dates for next year:

March 15, 2018

June 21, 2018

September 20, 2018

December 20, 2018

Motion to adjourn by Mark Batkie, second by Amanda Aldrich, motion passed, meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted: *Sheila Coats*, **Watertown Township Planning Commission**