

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

May 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman Jay Peasley. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call showed all members present: Jay Peasley, Rob Forbes, Jennifer Sherburn, Bob Carr and Tami Ballantyne.

Motion by Carr and supported by Sherburn to accept agenda: all ayes

Motion by Carr and supported by Sherburn to approve minutes for the Jan 11 meeting: all ayes

Motion by Carr and supported by Sherburn to approve minutes for the Jan 11 Public Hearing: all ayes

Public comments: Gale Eitnear questioned the posting for the change made to Ag properties in our current ordinance. A copy of the posting has been mailed to Mr. Eitnear.

Communication: There will be a county MTA meeting June 6 at Shelby Township.

Old business: None

New Business: Medical Marihuana opt in/out was discussed at great length again. Mr. Carr suggested mailing a survey to all residents. Chairman Peasley presented a print out from LARA (Licenses and Regulation Agency) which states Townships do not have to do anything. An issue involving "rec" use of marihuana will be on the November ballot. Consensus of this board is to table this issue until results of November election.

Motion by Peasley and supported by Ballantyne to pursue multigenerational housing: all ayes

Jennifer Sherburn asked if we currently have an ordinance that covers rentals, such as VRBO or Air BNB. At this time there is nothing in our zoning manual that relates to rentals. This issue will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Steve handed out his zoning report. He has made progress on blight issues. He is currently exploring options to have the authority to enforce public safety ordinances; such as becoming a constable. Clean up day is June 2.

Recommendations to the Township Board: none

Rob Forbes was welcomed to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Tami Ballantye