

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

October 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chairman Jennifer Sherburn. Pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call showed board members: Bob Carr, Jennifer Sherburn, Jan Wilson and Tami Ballantyne present. Mike Rosema absent. Zoning Admin. Steve Micklin was also present.

Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Carr to accept agenda adding D. # of permits and E. PC review requirement on Marihuana apps: all ayes

Motion by Carr and supported by Wilson to accept minutes from the Sept. 17, 2020 meeting: all ayes

Public Comments: None

Communications: Zoning Admin shared:

- 1) Mr. Charles's request for a variance to build closer to the river was denied by the DEQ.
- 2) Oceana County PC had no problems with the gravel permit for the Hamilton's. The road commission never responded.
- 3) Beckman Bros. gave Steve a copy of their Special Use Permit for mining gravel.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A) Reviewed application for a Processing facility on parcel #014-007-300-09 for Stephanie Goodman.
- B) Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Wilson to host a public hearing on Jan 14, 2021 at 6:45 pm to revert current area designated as Cluster Housing back to C-1 – and designate area on North side of Loop Rd from 192nd Ave to 198th Ave as Cluster Housing. All ayes
- C) Meeting dates for 2021 are set for 7pm – 1/14, 4/15, 7/15 and 10/14.
- D) Motion by Carr and seconded by Wilson to recommend to the Township Board increasing the number of permits allowed to be purchased for marihuana. Classes A, B, C and excess from 10 to 20. Processor from 2 to 6. Safety Compliance from 2 to 6. Transporter from 2 to 10. All ayes

- E) Motion by Ballantyne supported by Wilson to remove items: Public Hearing and Notification of neighbors from the current application for all permits regarding marihuana and to require PC review: all ayes

Zoning Report: Steve Micklin handed out his report. As in the past dealing with blight continues to be a problem. He thanked us for all of the feedback and support.

Recommendations to the board.

- 1) Approve Stephanie Goodman's app for Processing
- 2) Increase the number of permits for marihuana activities

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne