

Newfield Township Planning Commission Regular Meeting

February 18, 2021

Via Zoom Video Conference

As we all signed onto zoom Jennifer went over the features and showed everyone how to participate in the meeting. Jay Peasley was welcomed back.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by chairman Jennifer Sherburn. Roll call showed board members: Jay Peasley, Jennifer Sherburn, Jan Wilson, Mike Rosema and Tami Ballantyne present. Zoning Admin. Steve Micklin, Supervisor Joan David and Amanda Hunter was also present.

Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Wilson to accept agenda: all ayes

Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Wilson to accept minutes from the Nov. 12, 2020 special meeting after adding Review Applications for new business: Jay Peasley abstained – rest voted yes

Public Comments: Amanda Hunter asked for clarification on how much a fee for a Special Use Permit is. She also wanted the process explained.

No Communications:

No Old Business:

New Business:

- 1) Motion by Ballantyne supported by Peasley to elect Jennifer Sherburn as chairperson: all ayes
- 2) Motion by Peasley supported by Rosema to elect Ballantyne as Secretary: all ayes
- 3) Cluster housing was discussed at great length. It was suggested moving that zone currently on Loop Rd to the area on Sunset Dr. It would then be closer to amenities such as water and sewage. Ballantyne will find out where those hook ups currently end.
- 4) Rosema asked that we table discussion on the proposed “changes” suggested by Bricks and Mortar’s attorney until we have had time to go over said document.

- 5) Steve wants this board to think about limiting the number of facilities vs the number of permits allowed. Currently he has been contacted for both medical and recreation marijuana permits by: Capital Group, True North Collective and Bricks and Mortar
- 6) Steve asked our opinion on issuing a Special Use permit in addition to a Marijuana Facilities Permit on a residential property located on Hawley St. Consensus was no as we do not want to start a precedent.
- 7) An email address has been created for the Chairperson – NewfieldPC@gmail.com. Tami will get Planning Commission members on the new website.

Zoning Comments: Steve Micklin informed us about two Special Use Permits that he is working on.

- 1) Steve Hunter is applying for an auto salvage/sales business on 192nd Ave
- 2) Dog grooming business on Warren Rd. This board does not believe a Special Use Permit is needed for this business as it falls under our in-home occupation.

Steve went over his report. This board thanked him for his time.

No Recommendations to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne