

Newfield Township Planning Commission Meeting

July 15, 2021

The Public Hearing was closed and the Regular meeting was called to order at 7:25 pm by chairman Jennifer Sherburn. All board members were present. Zoning Admin. Steve Micklin, Supervisor Joan David and several citizens were also present.

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

Motion by Wilson and supported by Peasley to accept minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting: all ayes

Public Comments: Rich Fassett asked if something can be done about the fencing around the marijuana farm. David Herin asked how many plants can they put in an acre. Peggy Rumsey asked why we had allowed these farms in the first place. Francine Grysen asked why blight ordinance wasn't being enforced. Al Seng asked what value the farms paid taxes on. David Herin asked how much money has the township received from said farms. Peggy Rumsey asked about the deer being relocated after the farms are fenced.

Communications:

A letter from the Drain Commissioner was read. They would like a resolution from the township requiring their review of any development plans.

The Oceana County Planning Commission is in the process of updating their Master Plan and asked if we had any input.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A) Motion by Rosema and supported by Wilson to limit the Cluster Housing to the one Commercial Zoned area South of Sunset Blvd. All Ayes
- B) Steve Micklin explained that HiCloud LLC. was exchanging their excess permit to a Class C permit. This action is being required from the State. No action was needed.
- C) No application was submitted for our review from HiCloud LLC.

- D) The proposed revised Marijuana Ordinance was discussed. A few items were clarified and typos fixed. Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Peasley to forward rewritten Ordinance to an attorney and the Township Board. A Public Hearing is tentatively set for Sept 9th at 6:30 pm. All ayes
- E) We are tabling the proposed Sign Ordinance until next meeting so we have time to go over it.
- F) There will be an upcoming vacancy that the Township Board will be filling.
- G) Motion by Ballantyne and supported by Peasley to update the duties for Secretary in the Planning Commission Bi-Laws to include - Written notice must be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the Township Board meeting to the Township Board Members for all Recommendations made by this board.
All Ayes

Zoning Report: Steve Micklin handed out his report. He reminded us that fall clean-up day is set for the Saturday after Labor Day.

Recommendations to the Township Board.

- 1). Updated Marijuana Ordinance be looked over by an attorney.
- 2). Relocate area zoned for Cluster Housing to Sunset Blvd. south to Garfield Rd currently zoned commercial.

Motion by Wilson and seconded by Peasley to adjourn meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tami Ballantyne