

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

QUARTERLY MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Commissioners present: Chairman James Funke, Joe Wooding, Jeff Melvin, Martha Bregger

Other attendees: Steve Denenberg, Doug Bowman, Brad Cole, Ovi Cosdescu

Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Funke at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jeff Melvin read the minutes from the September 6, 2017 meeting: Martha Bregger moved to accept the minutes as read with two spelling/grammar corrections. Joe Wooding supported the motion. Passed unanimously.

David Holmes arrive at 7:09.

New Business

- Ken Dettloff was scheduled to introduce the draft of the township land use plan at this meeting. Chairman Funke noted that he had not received any communication from Mr. Dettloff or from John O'Connell and had fully expected a presentation at this meeting.
- There was discussion regarding the consideration of the M-43 corridor being zoned as commercial for future land use.
- There was discussion regarding the positives and negatives of residential/commercial zoning and its effect on property taxes. It was noted that it is easier to move a parcel from residential to commercial than it is to move it from commercial to residential.
- It was discussed that while the township board had not yet voted to allow medical marijuana entities, the township land use plan was to address this issue with appropriate language if the board would consider it in the future.
- David Holmes suggested that the plan draft be sent to Chairman Funke and that it be shared with the members of the planning commission prior to the regular township board meeting on Wednesday, December 20.
- Jeff Melvin stated that he was disappointed that we the was no communication from Mr. Dettloff or Mr. O'Connell prior to this meeting.
- The four men that were present and listed in the minutes as other attendees informed the Board of their purchase agreement of the former Ridgeway Market and their plan to turn this property into a medical marijuana processing facility. Items discussed included:
  - Facility planning
  - Use permits and fees
  - Employment opportunities
- There was also a short discussion regarding special use permits.
- It was suggested that the planning commission meet prior to the next regularly scheduled township board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20 to discuss the draft of the township land use plan.

Old Business

- Meeting dates were set for 2018: March 7, June 6, September 5 and December 5, 2018.
- There is still an opening for an alternate member on the planning commission.

Public comments

- None

Handouts:

- None

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman James Funke at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Melvin