

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
January 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Bellor at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: J. Bellor, M. Morin, D. Darland, J. Frank, C. Hoyle, R. Campbell, W. Reder
Members absent: None
Also present: R. Sheppard, Planning Attorney; P. Lippens, Planner
Others present: Kenneth M. Malkin, Township Supervisor
Public Present: See Sign-In Sheet

**Motion by R. Campbell seconded by D. Darland to adopt the agenda as corrected, adding Planning Commission 2017 Election of Officers.
Motion carried.**

**Motion by J. Frank seconded by R. Campbell to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 regular meeting as presented.
Motion carried.**

Election of Officers

Attorney R. Sheppard was present and presided over elections.

Nominations were opened for Chair.

Motion by M. Morin, seconded by W. Reder to nominate J. Bellor as Chair.
Nominations closed. Motion carried to elect J. Bellor as Chair for 2017.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chair.

Motion made by J. Bellor, seconded by J. Frank to nominate M. Morin as Vice-Chairperson.
Nominations closed. Motion carried to elect M. Morin as Vice-Chair for 2017.

Nominations were opened for Secretary.

Motion made by J. Bellor, seconded by J. Frank to nominate D. Darland as Secretary.
Nominations closed. Motion carried to elect D. Darland as Secretary for 2017.

The officers elected accepted their respective offices and thereafter J. Bellor presided at the meeting as Chairman, and D. Darland acted as Secretary of the meeting.

Public Input

Chairman Bellor opened and closed public comment at 7:05 p.m. with no one present to speak.

Items for Consideration

McKenna Associates 2016 Planning Commission Report. P. Lippens, Planner, presented the 2016 Annual Planning Report. R. Sheppard commented stating that the report presented is a proposed work plan, and is a Township Board funded activity. C. Hoyle made a motion to send the 2016 Annual Planning Report to the Township Board for consideration. J. Frank supported, and motion carried unanimously.

Medical Marijuana Licensing. The Commission reviewed the information regarding the upcoming marijuana legislation that will have a potential affect on the township. Submitted information included a presentation from Oasis Wellness Centers, an economic analysis by Dr. Gary Wolfram of Hillsdale College, a sample template of Ordinance, and the Enrolled House Bill No. 4209. After much discussion, **W. Reder made motion** to refer to the Township Board for guidance. **M. Morin supported, and the motion carried unanimously.**

Reports: None

The commission discussed previously discussed parking amendments. It was agreed that the requirements for the number parking spots should also be determined by the type of business. Businesses designed for storage would require less as this type of operation is not designed for retail sales or distribution of a product. P. Lippens commented, stating there shall be an option to schedule a public hearing.

Communications

**Motion by D. Darland supported by C. Hoyle to accept Communications.
Motion carried.**

**Motion by C. Hoyle supported by J. Frank to adjourn.
Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Darland
Secretary

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