

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2011

Call to Order; 7:00PM by Chairman Gaede

Members present: Gaede, Jarvis, McKay, Reynolds, Willerer

Chairman Gaede introduced Mr. John Calhoun, Columbia Township treasure. Mr. Calhoun discussed the training opportunities available from the Michigan Citizen Planner Group. Classes would be paid for by Columbia Township. Chairman Gaede provided a sign-up sheet for interested individuals.

Chairman Gaede introduced Mr. Grant Bauman, Region II Planning Commission. Mr. Bauman discussed the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act (MMMA) and the need for Columbia Township to develop an ordinance for the enactment of the Act.

A slide presentation was presented discussing the choices the Township has and the zoning options that could be considered.

Mr. Bauman stated that Region II was working with several communities in Jackson County and suggested that we familiarize ourselves with the Act and wait to see how the other communities adopt the Act and use their ordinances as a guide.


Chairman Gaede will contact Supervisor Elrod to determine the concerns of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Gaede presented a proposed change to Article IV, Zoning District Regulations, of the Zoning Ordinance. Members were asked to review the proposal and be prepared to discuss at the ~~June 7, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.~~

Discussion on building % of lot per request of ZBA
(reference Zoning Ordinance section 4.7)

Motion by Reynolds, 2nd by Willerer for approval of 12.07.2011 Planning Commission minutes, ayes by all.

Motion by Jarvis, 2nd by Reynolds to adjourn; ayes by all, 9:15PM.

R. J. Willerer 
Acting Secretary