

Columbia Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2011

The Columbia Township Planning Commission was called to order Tuesday September 6, 2011 at 7:02 P.M. By Chairman Roger Gaede.

Members present: Robert Willerer, Philip Reynolds, Michael Raczkowski, Roger Gaede, Jerry Hayes, Michael McKay.

Absent: Pam Jarvis

No public comments.

Presentation: Susan Lackey – (see handouts) Legacy Land Conservancy

Approval of May 3, 2011 minutes with corrections of the spelling Roger Gaede.

Wind Power Ordinance to Board as is, retyped. Motion by Jerry Hayes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael McKay. Ayes Willerer, Reynolds, Gaede, McKay, Hayes. Nays: Raczkowski.

Medical Marijuana: Motion to accept attached ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana (see attached.) Motion by McKay, 2<sup>ns</sup> by Willerer. Ayes, Willerer, Reynolds, Raczkowski, Gaede, McKay, Hayes. Nays: None. Motion Passed.

Amendment motion by Michael McKay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reynolds. Ayes: Willerer, Reynolds, Raczkowski, Gaede, McKay & Hayes. Motion passes.

Public Comments: Bob Elrod, Requesting an ordinance for outside furnaces. Per Roger Gaede ...He will contact Pam Jarvis who has been working on issue.

Commissioners Comments: None

Adjournment 9:06 P.M.

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Submitted by Mike Raczkowski

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Article IV Zoning District Regulations

(to be inserted in Article IV zoning district regulations after first sentence)

ORDINANCE FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Ordinance pertaining to Michigan Medical Marijuana Act (MMMA) that whatever is illegal under federal and state law is illegal in the Township. Any sales of marijuana are prohibited in the Township.

A "Dispensary" is prohibited in the Township.

Growing of medical marijuana by patients and care givers must comply with federal & state law.

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## Township Requirements

1. Master plan requirements:
    - a. Areas intended for agricultural preservation.
      - i. Area intended for long term agriculture
      - ii. May be different than agricultural area
      - iii. Clearly designed as "agricultural preservation area"
      - iv. Obviously, must be zoned agricultural
      - v. Free from liens
    - b. How and why the area was selected
      - i. Prime or unique soils
      - ii. Presence of working agricultural community
      - iii. Etc.
    - c. Goals for farmland preservation.
    - d. Language indicating why farmland should be preserved in the community
      - i. Economic importance
      - ii. Culture of the Community
      - iii. Long standing history as an agricultural community
      - iv. Etc.
    - e. Text describing strategies used to preserve ag land. Must include PDR, but should also include others.
      - i. Jackson County participation in Food Systems Economic Partnership
      - ii. Zoning codes that allow for retain farm stands
      - iii. Other strategies you have adopted to maintain rural characters
  2. Township Board resolution designating county program as PDR program for Township
  3. As small as 25 acres
  4. Resolution & language to be provided by Susan Latkey.
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