

South Branch Township Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
March 1, 2018
Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Regular Meeting of the South Branch Township Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Chair M. Shunatona presiding.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

- a) Commissioners present- Bank, McKenzie, Peterson, M. Shunatona, Sylvester
- b) Commissioners absent-Thomas
- c) Guests present- Bonnie Shunatona, Sheriff Kirk Wakefield, Dave McKenzie, Jane Kozlowski, Rosemary & Tom Oakey, Margarite & Edgar Kalthoff, Sandra & Craig Woods, Nandor Santhos, Bob LeFave, Mike Janisse, Cris & Kathy Jones

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Bank, Second by Sylvester, **all yes** with no nays

5. Approval of February regular meeting

Motion by Bank to approve the minutes, Second by Peterson, **all yes** with no nays.

6. Reports

- a. Zoning Administrator-written report: routine business; received documents for Riverview and distributed to commissioners present.
- b. Township Representative-the master plan was discussed as was the desire to move on this in 2018.
- c. ZBA representative-next meeting is March 12
- d. County planning commissioner-nothing significant at the last meeting

7. Communication: No correspondence

8. Old Business

- A. Public engagement to engage residents in medical marijuana regulations
 - i. **Motion** by Shunatona, Second by Sylvester to pause the general meeting and open the public hearing. **All yes** with no nays.
 - ii. Power point presentation by M. Shunatona with examples of facilities that the Township can decide to allow.
 - Grower A, B, C
 - Processor
 - Safety Compliance Facility
 - Secure Transporter

- Provisioning Center
- Suitable locations

iii. Discussion covered both pros and cons for medical marihuana facilities.

General overview of discussion:

- Propensity of attendees were against medical marihuana facilities
- Overall view to wait to see how other communities adapt and to see how the rules change
- After it was understood that the township can elect to allow only one or multiple facilities and the township could also decide how many of each to allow, the attendees provided general consensus and several recommendations.
- If the township were to allow any facilities, the general consensus was the “secure transporter” for either marihuana or money would be acceptable.
- And the “safety compliance facility” also received a general consensus to allow.
- If these facilities were allowed the conditions are:
 - Only 2 of each facility
 - Only in the commercial district

The attendees were provided a demonstration on the electronic survey and the survey will remain open for 30 additional days for public input.

The attendees were thanked for their honest and open feedback.

iv. **Motion** by Sylvester, Second by Bank to close the public input session and resume the general meeting. **All yes** with no nays

B. Master Plan review

- Communication with Denise Cline- Discussion with Denise Cline to reduce fee of \$9,500.00 for the master plan. The planning commission will work on elements in preparation for Denise to complete with the hope it will reduce costs.
- Review of Planning Commission notes- the minutes from previous meetings were distributed. It was noted since time has lapsed, we should review the goals and objectives again to determine if there have been any changes.
- Next steps-**Motion** by Sylvester, Second by Bank to recommend to the Township Board that we accept the bid from Denise Cline and wait for her availability. **All yes** with no nays.

9. New Business

Preparation for next meeting and public hearing

Bank recommended we meet with the Attorney prior to the public hearing. The planning commission agreed and recommended it included the Planning Commission Chair, The Township Supervisor and the Zoning Administrator. Provide questions you would like answered to M. Shunatona prior to the meeting.

M. Shunatona will request a Sheriff’s Deputy to be present during the hearing.

The meeting on April 5 starts at 6:00 pm, an hour early to allow extra time.

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10. Public Comment

Comment from Cris Jones appreciating the ability to engage on the topic of medical marihuana.

Comment from Mike Janisse appreciating the efforts of the planning commission.

11. Adjournment

Next Regular meeting and public hearing for Riverview is April 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
Anna Sylvester