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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

January 18, 2017

The Leoni Township Planning Commission held a meeting Wednesday, January 18, 2017, @ 6 p.m. 913 Fifth Street, Leoni Township Meeting Hall, Michigan Center, Michigan

Members Present: J. Spencer, L. Maurer, J. Kruse, J. Southworth, B. Lester & K. Cole

Members absent: V. Beckwith

Persons in attendance: 11

Purpose of Planning Commission read by J. Spencer

Motion by Maurer, supported by Kruse, to approve of the agenda as read.

Motion carried by voice vote, all in favor.

Motion by Kruse, supported by Spencer, to approve the minutes of January 4, 2017

Motion carried by voice vote, all in favor.

Discussion:

- 1) Medical Marijuana – input from Mike Jester –MTA – MM Act. Legislature has passed a bill allowing dispensaries in state of MI. Authority has been turned over to local government to write ordinances. First step – Do you want a dispensary? Number of dispensaries?
 - A. No applications for licensing before 12/15/2017.
 - B. Three (3) types of licenses: Class A, B and C.
 - C. Permit to local government – can charge up to \$5,000.00 per year.
 - D. State will track marijuana – cameras, hours, location (should be in ordinance).
 - E. Crime for MM people growing in their house.
 - F. Look in Colorado ordinance for dispensaries.
 - G. Less crime in dispensaries than in party stores.
 - H. No increase in crime activity.
 - I. Put a flyer in tax bills asking if residents are for or against MM.
 - J. MM will be taxed.

- K. Class A license - \$500 Class B license - \$1000 Class C license - \$1500
 - L. Licenses limit how many plants could be grown.
 - M. How will this address caregivers?
 - N. Kurt is going to address a survey to be sent to residences w/February billings.
 - O. Caregiver can grow 12 plants per patient
 - P. Can be grown outdoors (per privacy fence so not visible to neighbors).
- 2) Portable toilets – It was already voted on in November 2016. Let the ordinance stand as is and let the Board of Trustees decide.
 - 3) Unsafe buildings – (2006 International Building Code)
Section 115 – Section 116 – Section 117 – Construction Code Book
 - 4) Business registration in Leoni – Passed Planning Commission in 2010 – Kurt is following up on this.
 - 5) Next meeting we’ll work on blight ordinance & store fronts.

Motion by Southworth, supported by Cole to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Motion carried.

Judy Southworth, Secretary

Next meeting: February 1, 2017

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Board Comments: Spencer; Welcome to Vern Beckwith and Billy Lester. Big thank you to Kathy Bellew and Paul Overeiner.

Residents want Public Comments at the end of the meeting instead of start of the meeting.