

**WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 17th, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

The Williamstown Township Planning Commission convened at 7:30 pm at the Williamstown Township Hall located at 4990 Zimmer Road, Williamston, Michigan. Chairman Michael Fielek called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.

PRESENT: Chairman Mike Fielek, Vice Chair Rex LaMore, Commissioners Joscelyn Brown-Timm, Dali Giese and Board Representative Martin Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioners Gerald Eidt, Ron Cook, Ger Schultink and Rod Imhoff

ALSO PRESENT: Planning Consultant Chris Doozan of McKenna Associates and Planning Assistant Wanda Bloomquist

MINUTES APPROVAL

**Motion by Vice Chair LaMore to approve the April 19th, 2011 minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Brown- Timm
Motion Carries**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Closed at 7:33 pm

PUBLIC HEARING

Medical Marihuana

Chair Fielek reviewed the procedures for the Public Hearing.
Mr. Doozan reviewed the proposed revisions.

As a home occupation:

2.06 of the ordinance deals with home occupations/ home based businesses.
Prohibition of making any changes to the interior of a residence to make it uninhabitable.
Must be a legal and primary residence.
Reiterated the definition of home occupation.
PA 1 of 208 does not give immunity to federal law.
Inspections, health department, registration of caregiver-renewals and state license to prove in compliance.
Reviewed prohibited uses.
Consumption by patients on site prohibited except by a patient/caregiver.

Caregiver as a special use in the B-1, B-2 and I-1 districts.

General rules would apply, drug free zone, number of caregivers, permits and inspections, license and no consumption.

Same criteria as home occupation

Add under 2.02 section A: uses and structures not allowed are expressly prohibited. Important to add to curtail refining the ordinance. B: Following uses would not be allowed anywhere in the township.

Chris reviewed the pros and cons drawn up for review.

Chris reviewed on the map the locations of B-1, B-2 and I-1 on the zoning map.

Citizen Comment:

Ruth Templeton 1435 Epley Rd. Spoke in favor as a home occupation.

Question as to why not OS-1: Sentiment that it is more as a production facility-more as a greenhouse not as an office.

Discussion included:

Would a patient require inspections.

Why not OS-1: Sentiment that it is more of a production facility- more as a greenhouse not as an office.

Both options could be adopted.

PC can send both to Board level for consideration.

Commissioner Geise motioned to close the public hearing.

Seconded by Commissioner Brown-Timm

Motion Carries

Public Hearing closed at 8:00 pm. Open for written comment through Friday, May 20th.

The Planning Commission will deliberate at the meeting on June 21st, 2011

GRGreenZone Public Forum

Reviewed the agenda for the public forum.

Time line of the presentation will depend on attendance and questions from land owners.

Ideal timeline for adoption would have resolution by September.

Wanda will forward power point to PC for review prior to meeting.

Master Plan sub-committee appointment

Chair Fielek, Vice Chair LaMore and Commissioner Brown-Timm will serve.

Joint meeting-Meridian Twp Planning Commission

Discussion Topics:

- Urban Service Boundary
- Regional Infrastructure
- Master Plan review
- Date: To accommodate Meridian Township. Possibly before one of their scheduled meetings.
- Wanda will follow up with Meridian's Planning Department

Planning and Board Reports and Review

Township Board

- Things are going well

Planning Staff

- Complete Streets workshop May 12th highlights
 - How it affects our Master Plan & Trails and Greenways
 - Need and desire for public safety
 - Definition of a road diet
 - Citizen Planner Classes

Review

- Deliberation regarding Medical Marijuana will be held on June 21st, 2011
- Public Forum next Tuesday at 7:30
- Appointments of sub-committee to review the Master Plan
- Proposal to Meridian to meet at/ or before one of their meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice Chair LaMore to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Commissioner Giese.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38

Wanda Bloomquist
Recording Secretary

Gerald A. Eidt, Secretary