

Sandstone Charter Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes August 7, 2018

Attendance: Chris Crisenbery, Peggy Eiler, Blaine Goodrich, Greg Inosencio, Cheryl Marks
Guests: Keith Acker

Chairman Crisenbery called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Parma Elementary Library since the township hall was hosting the elections. Cheryl Marks moved to approve the agenda as printed. Peggy Eiler supported the motion. Motion carried. Cheryl Marks moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 meeting as printed. Greg Inosencio supported the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Acker asked on behalf of trustee Langston what is the definition of Light Industrial vs. Heavy Industrial and if Heavy is allowed in the Master Plan. We can ask our consultant, but we don't think we have any mention of Heavy Industrial. Can we provide any language? We still need information/potential language for Barn Weddings in our Zoning Ordinance. We want to be proactive and anticipate this could be a use of barns in our township. We also would like language/information on Solar Farms. Should we be regulating this? We currently have no language to address this but nearby Spring Arbor Township does. What about Wind Turbines as well? Greg Inosencio inquired about regulations regarding the various donation drop boxes. They can become eyesores and depositories of trash. Our semi-annual township clean-up days have been reducing the number of "dumping" incidents in the township. We also would like guidance and proactive possible Zoning Ordinance language for recreational marijuana. Medical marijuana has already been approved. We know the recreation issue is on the November ballot. We wondered why a substitute consultant was not sent to our meeting. We hope for some feedback/discussions on our questions at the next meeting on October 2, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS: We want to hold a Public Hearing at our October meeting for the definition change in the Zoning Ordinance for Civil Infractions vs. Misdemeanors. The township will set the fee structure but it will need to be included in the Zoning Ordinance book.

NEW BUSINESS: Perhaps we or the township should revisit the fee structures for our building plan reviews and site reviews. Chris Crisenbery says our fees are much less than nearby townships and he suspects we might not be covering all of our costs. Keith Acker asked if we have extended our Master Plan and we said we had but perhaps it will need to be reviewed again in the following year or two. Supervisor Acker asked about parking of semis on private residential property. Some complaints have been brought recently to his attention. We looked in our Ordinance book (Article 10.2.2) and 1 ton trucks are allowed, as are agricultural big trucks. It is an issue we can discuss in future and perhaps receive possible ordinance language for that issue as well.

Cheryl Marks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Greg Inosencio supported the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Marks