

Minutes of Emmett Township Planning Commission

September 18, 2017

Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Roll call taken with Mueller, Bowen, Reliford and Dumas present. Powers Absent.

Dumas read the August minutes for the regular meeting. Bowen made the spelling correction to the word intention then made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Mueller received communications from Michigan Marijuana Law Experts, LLC and a message from another individual with questions on a commercial business for medical marijuana. They were informed of the meeting day and time but no one attended. The planning commission will remain with no ordinances on medical marijuana and go with the recommendation of the Michigan Township Association and let the regulation remain with the state.

Mueller presented documents on solar energy to the planning commission from Ray Township. Trustee Heiden was in attendance and informed the planning commission about the fire hazards of solar panels. Mueller asked Heiden to talk with both Supervisor Butler and the Emmett fire chief about training on the solar panel fire. Mueller stated that if we create the ordinance then the township needs trained responders and equipment. The Emmett planning commission will review the sample ordinance for next meeting. Bowen will contact the Village of Emmett council and planning commission about the involvement of the fire department. Dumas will type up a draft of the ordinance to have a starting point; this will not include solar farms.

Old Business:

Mueller will check on the progress of the Michigan State wind energy farm ordinance. Table until next meeting and more information.

Dumas presented the information requested on the master plan review that was requested. The planning commission not do a survey for the 5-year review, but resident Dumas will check on the progress of the City of Yale current online survey thru Facebook. The planning commission would like to know if they had a good response from the community. The five-year review will include Map 4: Existing Land Use with corresponding text in master plan (Chapters 3 & 5) and ordinance book (Article 3) and a potential new map for non-conforming use.

Mueller stated that Supervisor Butler had the master plan on the township website changed to the correct version that was submitted by Dumas.

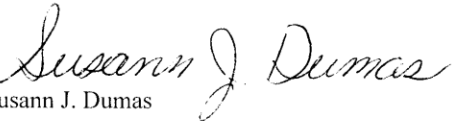
Matters pertaining to the general public: Resident Dumas, thank who ever leveled the dirt in the front of the township hall, looks very nice.

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Communications: Riley Township master plan review.

Bowen moved to adjourn the meeting 8:25 p.m. Reliford seconds the motion. With all in favor, Motion carried.

Recording Secretary of the Emmett Township Planning Commission,


Susann J. Dumas