

# Columbia Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, 7 p.m.

**Location of meeting: Columbia Township Hall**

## *Call to Order*

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Elrod at 7 p.m.

## *Pledge of Allegiance*

## *Roll Call*

Present: B. Sherrer, C. Case (7:09), D. Marcelletti, L. Miller, L. Elrod

Absent: None

## *Approval of Agenda*

It was moved by L. Miller to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by B. Sherrer.

Ayes - Sherrer, Marcelletti, Miller, Elrod; Nays – None

## *Approval of Previous Minutes*

It was moved by B. Sherrer to approve the minutes with change in spelling of B. Sherrer's name. The motion was supported by D. Marcelletti.

Ayes - Sherrer, Marcelletti, Miller, Elrod; Nays – None

## *Public Comment*

Martin mentioned that blight in the community needs to be cleaned up and that the jail crews will be coming out to help on the 30th of April and the 1st of May. These are also "free" dump days for the township.

## *Public Hearing*

*Old Dune Farms LLC, 49392 CR 384*

*Special Land Use, Medical Marihuana Facility*

Open public hearing at 7:08

K. Schrank explained the proposed project as the representative for Old Dune Farms, LLC.

L. Elrod began to explain a phone message received from neighbor Miller but it was quickly made known that Mr. Miller was present.

Miller (east neighbor) expressed that cross-pollination is a concern. Expresses that he is a representative of the Cherokee Nation and Algonquin Federation and the State has not legally provided appropriate rights for Marijuana growth beyond 12 plants per person. His stated opinion is that we cannot allow this project to occur legally.

M. Lukens expressed that she believes the law allows for the proposed project.

R. and K. Gillan (neighbors across the street) stated that land should be kept as agricultural and believes that marijuana should be in commercial district.

K. Schrank discussed that the facility is in compliance with the law both local and state.

C. Case read the ordinance to the public.

Closed public comment at 7:35 p.m.

Open public hearing for Zoning Ordinance text amendment at 7:38 p.m.

No comments offered by the public.

Closed public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

### *New Business*

#### *Recommendation to Township Board, Special Land Use, MMF, 49392 CR 384*

C. Case moved to approve the application for a recommendation to the township board for a site plan review and special land use for property ID 80-06-014-010-20 for Old Dune Farm, LLC and Kate and Bill Schrank for a medical marijuana class A grow facility. Dave seconded.

Roll Call: B. Sherrer - yes, C. Case - yes, D. Marcelletti - yes, L. Miller - yes, L. Elrod - yes

#### *Recommendation to Township Board for the adoption of proposed text amendment regarding Article VI, Section 6.02B3 Standards for Variance of the Columbia Township Zoning Ordinance*

C. Case move to recommend the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments as presented. B. Sherrer seconded.

### *Old Business*

#### *Master Plan update / review Section 5*

Discussion about Chapter 5 of the Master Plan. Change "letting" to "setting." Otherwise, no further changes needed.

#### *Master Plan update / review Section 6*

Discussion about Chapter 6 set draft general goals. Leslie and Christy will work as a sub-committee along with Tasha to draft some of this section prior to the next meeting.

#### *Other business that comes before the board*

None

*Communications Received*

None

*Reports*

*Zoning Administrator Report*

See attached (Appendix A).

*ZBA Representative Report*

C. Case indicated did not have a meeting to report on.

*Township Board Member Report*

B. Sherrer reported the finalized township budget included the following for the Planning Commission: Professional Support \$2,500, Training \$1,000, Print & Publish \$2,500, and misc. \$200.

*Public Comment*

B. Sherrer said that all residents are welcome including those that our citizens consider "new."

*Adjournment*

It was moved by C. Case to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. The motion was supported by B. Sherrer.

Ayes - All, Nays – None.

Respectfully submitted by Christy Case, Secretary of Columbia Township Planning Commission  
Minutes approved on May 14, 2019

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christy Case". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page.