

# Columbia Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 11, 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 (7:11), D. Marcelletti, L. Miller, L. Elrod

Absent: None

## *Approval of Agenda*

It was moved by B. Sherrer to approve the agenda. The motion was supported by D. Marcelletti.

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

## *Approval of Previous Minutes*

It was moved by B. Sherrer to approve the minutes. The motion was supported by D. Marcelletti.

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

## *Public Comment*

None

## *Public Hearing*

None

## *New Business*

### *Special speaker, Sam Pernick of Green Michigan Partners*

Mr. Pernick spoke about the new recreational marijuana laws and how they could impact Columbia Township.

### *Text amendment discussion, Farm Market*

Discussion to limit ancillary uses to a farm market. Determined to exclude bed & breakfasts, beer breweries, camping, carnival rides, concerts, distilleries, festivals, food service, hunting preserves, mud runs, social events, and winery/hard cider. All other uses will require a site plan review.

## *Old Business*

*Master Plan update / review Section 7*

Chairperson Elrod postponed this discussion until the July meeting.

*Communications Received*

Email communication from Kenneth Speicher received June 11th concerning farm markets and future land use in the master plan.

*Reports*

*Zoning Administrator Report*

In April, there were three zoning permits issued and twelve contacts. In May, there were two zoning permits issued, three zoning permits denied, and nine contacts.

*ZBA Representative Report*

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

*Township Board Member Report*

B. Sherrer reported that the Township did not approve the text amendments for Standards of Variance due to the board not being provided all the materials they needed to make a decision.

*Public Comment*

L. Norton commented that the planning commission is doing a great job.

*Adjournment*

It was moved by B. Sherrer to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. The motion was supported by L. Miller.  
Ayes - All, Nays – None.

Respectfully submitted by Christy Case, Secretary of Columbia Township Planning Commission  
Minutes approved on July 9, 2019

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