

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CLAYTON  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Kevin DePottey, Ed McCartney, George Sippert, Tom Spillane, Andy Suski, Dwight Dennings

**Members Absent:** Dennis Milem

**Others Present:** Ted Henry, Building and Zoning Administrator; Ken Tucker, Attorney; Sheryllynn Russo, Stenographer

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA**

**Action Taken:** Motion by Suski, supported by Spillane, to approve the proposed agenda for the September 17, 2019, Clayton Township Planning Commission meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 20, 2019**

**Action Taken:** Motion by McCartney, supported by Suski, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2019 Clayton Township Planning Commission meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Henry advised the Board that Gina Alessandri, Industrial Hemp Program Director and Nathan Kark, Legislative Liaison MDARD have proposed a 30 minute presentation to this Board at the November 19, 2019 meeting. Board accepted and it will be placed on the agenda at that time.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:**

Mr. Henry advised that two (2) cases need to be added to the October Planning Commission meeting agenda:

1 – Dominique Rogers (9010 Miller Road, Swartz Creek) – **SPECIAL USE** (request for a bbq pit to be located outside)

2 – Crystufer Reed (2157 S. Sheridan Road, Lennon) – **RE-ZONE** (only pole barn on property, request to rezone commercial from residential)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS / DISCUSSIONS**

Review of update to **Land Division Ordinance**. Mr. Henry has reviewed with Ms. MacDermaid, Township Assessor and all recommended changes/updates have been marked. These changes were reviewed by the Board and concurred as presented. Mr. Tucker has been advised to make these changes and that a final review and public hearing is to be set for the October 15, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSIONS**

The Planning Commission reviewed the revised **Solar Farm Ordinance** provided by Mr. Tucker. There remains one open item – Mr. Henry is to provide an example(s) relative to ground mounted solar energy systems. This will be included in the proposed ordinance and a public hearing is to be scheduled for the October 15, 2019 Planning Commission meeting.

It was discussed and decided that both public hearings should be scheduled at the beginning of the meeting – 6:00 pm and 6:10 pm, respectively.

Additionally, any solar panels currently in existence in the Township would be grandfathered in and upon adoption of the Solar Farm Ordinance these would be brought into compliance at such time as property is sold or a violation is sited.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

None.

## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Mr. Dennings expressed concern over wrong dates for meetings on the Township website. This will be looked into and corrections made, if needed.

It was also recommended that due to recent computer upgrades in the Township, all email addresses and distribution lists be verified for accuracy.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Action Taken:** Motion by McCartney, supported by Dennings, to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryllynn Russo, Stenographer

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Kevin DePottey, Chairperson

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Dennis Milem, Secretary