

Porter Township
February 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes

Roll Call: 7:00

Members Present: John Miller, Andy Nesbitt, Denny Owen, Steve Cornish, Tonya Blanchard, Heather Smith

Members Not Present: Doug Noble, Jr., David Kindt, Tim Seppala

Zoning Administrator : Rich McGrew, present

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Andrew Nesbitt motions to approve the January Regular meeting minutes, Dennis Owen seconds and January regular meeting minutes are approved as written.

Additions to Agenda – None.

Correspondence- None.

Board Liaison Report – Per Andy Nesbitt, Board with working with AT&T to finalize tower agreement, adding wording for removal if and when it is needed.

Board has reviewed the Commercial Special Use Exemption revisions. Attorney Harold Schuitmaker is reviewing ordinance changes.

Medical Marijuana ordinance – currently allows for 3 provisioning centers. At last month's Board meeting, the owner of Country Lakes approached the Board about a potential buyer for his store that wants to have a provisioning center. Since 3 potential centers in our township have already applied to the state and are awaiting licensing, the 3 allowed spaces are already accounted for. The potential buyer can contact the township about being next in line for one of the 3 centers, if one doesn't get approved by the state for any reason.

Citizens Comments: None.

New Business: No new business.

Old Business : No old business.

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Zoning Admin Report – Rich McGrew, Zoning Administrator, discussed:

-Medical Marijuana ordinance – The potential buyer for Country Lakes has paid the fee to be put on a list to be next in line for a provisioning center in the township. If one of the three potential provisioning centers does not get licensed by the state, this buyer would be next in line to be one of the three allowed in the township. The buyer has other provisioning centers in other locations in the state.

-Building permit issued for Honee Bear to replace the storage warehouse that previously burned down. It will not be in the same place as the burned down location, but will be behind the existing building. Unlike the previous warehouse, it will be totally in Porter Township – previous building was on the township line and was partially in Village of Lawton.

-A building permit for a house is being refused until a variance can be obtained for road frontage that does not meet building requirements.

ZBOA Report – None.

Adjournment- Andrew Nesbitt motions, Steve Cornish seconds, meeting adjourned 7:30. Next meeting will be March 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
