

ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

March 14, 2011

7:30 PM

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Skoglund called meeting to order at 7:30 PM with Terry Skoglund, Holly Hough, John Palenick, Ted Heckman and Jim Connell present.
 - B. Absent was Mike Buese and Martin Ruiter
 - C. Also present were Supervisor Steve Schulz and Clerk Linda Evans.

- II. Planning Commission Tenure
 - A. Clerk Evans presented each member of the Planning Commission with the information of when each had taken their oath and when their term would end. She explained that it was a staggered 3 year term and at the end of the term they would be asked if they would like to continue on for another 3 year term.

- III. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2011 Meeting and the Minutes of January 24, 2011 Special Meeting.
 - A. Palenick/Heckman made motion to approve minutes which passed with an aye vote.

- IV. Scott and Elizabeth Engelsman Special Use Permit
 - A. Mrs. Engelsman stated she makes goat milk products and would like to be able to sell them at her home.
 - B. Chair Skoglund asked if audience had any comments - with no response.
 - C. Skoglund asked when she would like to start
 - D. Mrs. Engelsman would like to start this summer and would like to also sell other natural handmade farm type things.
 - E. Mrs. Engelsman showed a sample of her soap and also stated that she wanted to keep it Michigan made products and all natural.
 - F. Connell asked if she would be putting up a sign and where would it be located
 - G. Skoglund stated that the Township has a sign ordinance and she would need to speak with Supervisor Schulz.
 - H. Skoglund read a letter from Martin Reed which stated that he strongly recommend allowing Engelsman the Special Use Permit.

- I. Heckman/Hough made motion to allow the Special Use Permit which passed with Roll Call.
- V. Aleesha Dedrich Special Use Permit
- A. Aleesha stated that she wanted to have a Day Care in her home.
 - B. Skoglund asked if anyone in the audience had any questions with no response.
 - C. Skoglund asked if Aleesha had gotten with the State
 - D. Aleesha stated that she had gotten with the State but couldn't go any further until she had the approval of the Township Planning Commission.
 - E. She stated she would only have a yard sale size sign in her yard.
 - F. Connell asked who set the limit of 6
 - G. She stated it was the State. She also said she would be caring for her own children and the children of friends and relatives.
 - H. Heckman/Palenick made motion to allow Special Use Permit contingent on the State Licensing Requirements being approved which passed with Roll Call.
 - I. Aleesha had a paper from the State that Chair Skoglund had to sign stating the Special Use Permit had been approved.
- VI. Complete Streets Workshops
- A. Skoglund had gotten this information from website and had copy for each member.
 - B. Skoglund briefly explained that it would be good to attend one of the workshops to be better informed when making decisions for the Township.
 - C. Skoglund stated that these workshops would fit in with the Township Board's plan to apply for a grant to build a bike path along the road shoulder.
 - D. Skoglund plans to attend a workshop on April 21, 2011 in Grand Rapids and would like the other members to attend with him or a different day.
- VII. Update on Medical Marihuana (6 month moratorium)
- A. Skoglund stated that apparently there are many different ideas on what an ordinance should look like. There are many cases to be settled yet.
 - B. Schulz commented that several Townships and Cities have put on a 6 month moratorium until these cases are settled, and may want to look at the City of Allegan's Ordinance since we surround the City. We don't want it to end up in residential areas.

- C. Skoglund stated that in the Allegan County News there was an article that Fennville wanted to have a place for medical marihuana to be given out. So he feels we should get this addressed soon.
- D. Connell said he had done some research thru the State and also talking with the Police Officers, and Judges that they really don't know.
 - 1. Also he talked with Chief Hoyer and it sounds like the City of Allegan has a pretty good plan. Also needs to be a safe distance from schools, churches and day care facilities.
- E. Schulz remarked that a care giver can have up to 5 people and they can raise 12 plants per person.
- F. Paul Walker and Son asked if the Township could require a person to show card.
 - 1. Response was no.
- G. Schulz reported that he had a call from a man in California who is originally from Grand Rapids and he works in a dispensary and wanted to bring it back here.
- H. Mr. Walker thought it would be a good idea to make it into a pill thru Perrigo's and then the person would need a prescription from the legitamate Doctor.
- I. Connell/Palenick made motion for 6 month moratorium which passed with aye vote.

VIII. Adjourn

- A. Heckman/Connell made motion to adjourn with meeting closing at 8:10 PM