

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2017
APPROVED**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Baker, Phil Knape, Ryan Schultz, Matt Arthur, Danielle Hummel, Cheryl Rosen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Pitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Zoning Official Joe Selzer

Vice Chairman Knape called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was properly posted and a quorum of the Brooks Township Planning Commission was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by Schultz, **Seconded** by Rosen to accept the agenda with the addition of the Greenbelt/Lakefront buffer zone under unfinished business.

Approved Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Schultz, **Seconded** by Arthur to accept the minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Medical Marijuana – Attorney Bloom had previously provided Supervisor Nelson with proposed ordinance and ordinance amendments in regards to the pending legislature, which was shared with PC members after the last meeting. There is a new ordinance and an ordinance amendment. There is concern about the ordinance being too stringent. There was much discussion on the breakdown of the proposed ordinance and what types should be allowed. **Moved** by Arthur, **Seconded** by Hummel to opt in for Medical Marijuana.
Roll call ayes-Schultz, Hummel, Arthur, Knape, Rosen. Naves-Baker **Motion Carried.** **Moved** by Arthur to allow one each Class A & B Grower and one each of processor, transporter, and provisioning center. No second, **motion failed.** More information is going to be obtained by the members and discussed next month.
2. Greenbelt committee report – it has been changed to a lakefront buffer zone. Looking at allowing boat ramps with approval of DEQ and drain commissioner and a special land

use permit. Mary from Emerald Lake made the suggestion. Schultz asked if there were any major topics that were discussed more than others. Baker stated, just the name of the greenbelt itself. The general consensus was to maintain the 25 foot buffer. They were trying to reach a less strict ordinance and still maintain a greenbelt/buffer area. The draft is still circulating and hope to be finalized at the January 4 meeting, and presented to the township board by their February meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

STAFF UPDATE: The ZA's report for November is attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments received.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Baker, **Seconded** by Schultz to adjourn at 8:59 pm
Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Baker
Planning Commission Secretary

Jennifer Badgero
Clerk