

**BROOKS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
July 24, 2017
APPROVED**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: None

Chairman Pitzer 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 Arthur, **Seconded** by Rosen to accept the agenda with the addition of the medical marijuana under new business.

Approved Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Hummel, **Seconded** by Knape to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting as written.

Approved Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments received

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received Warren Bender letter in regards to Croton Green Belt Ordinance dated Feb 28, 2012
Rosen provided information on a free seminar and educational class in White Cloud on September 13, 2017 @ 6:30pm about fertilizer and the effects on the lake.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Green Belt: There was continued discussion in regards to the green belt ordinance. Joe Selzer received a copy of Croton Township's green belt ordinance and did a comparison with ours after it was mentioned by county commissioner Ortwein last month. Pat Baker also sent a letter to the members in regards to observing lake properties on Hess and Brooks lakes via boat. Our land use vision was also mentioned by Pitzer. Because he is not going to be at the public hearing he wanted to say he was in favor of the green belt concept and feels it should be amended to follow in line with the land use vision of protecting waterways.

2. Proposed new language discussion

Sec 3.28 Property in Violation- there is an email from Cliff Bloom dated June 30 that clarifies the questions that were asked at the last meeting.

Sec 3.29 Illegal Uses- medical marijuana dispensaries, we are still working with Croton Township in regards to legislation changes. Both of these sections are up for public hearing.

3. Language Update- Discussion next month with the public hearing

Art. XXIII Severability and Repeals

Sec. 23.03 Effective Date

4. Proposed New Language Discussion-Discussion next month with public hearing

Art. IV Classifications of Discussion- Sec 4.09 Summary of land uses, solar farms is being added to item 70

Art. XIV Special Land Uses-Sec 14.12 AA. Solar Farms-adding the definition

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marijuana- there are still too many unknown factors and discussion will continue next month. We need to take our time and review all possibilities.

STAFF UPDATE: The ZA emailed his report prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments Received

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Baker, **Seconded** by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Baker
Planning Commission Secretary

Jennifer Badgero
Clerk