

Caseville Township Board Meeting November 6, 2017

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ben Willenberg.

Present: Ben Willenberg, Michelle Stirrett, Vicki Dufty, Laurie Marrocco and Jerry Platko.

Seventeen citizens were present.

Motion by Marrocco second by Stirrett to approve the agenda, the October 2, 2017 Board minutes, Treasurer's Report and invoices in the amount of \$160,976.23. **Motion carried.**

Public Comments on agenda items: None.

Committee Reports:

Capital Improvement Committee: Building plans are finalized.

Water Committee - October 31, 2017

Harbor Commission – October 18, 2017

Parks and Recreation – October 25, 2017

Fire Association – October 18, 2017

Planning Commission – October 3, 2017 and October 16, 2017

Fall newsletter for approval

Motion by Platko second by Marrocco to close the Township office on December 26, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Planning Commission – November 7, 2017

Motion by Marrocco second by Platko to accept with regret the resignation of Russ Lundberg from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. **Motion carried.**

Parks and Recreation – Master Plan Update

Motion by Stirrett second by Dufty to set a Public Hearing on the Updated Parks and Recreation Plan for Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Fee Schedule Amendment

Motion by Marrocco second by Stirrett to amend the fee schedule for Special Use application to include a \$3,000 escrow deposit. **Motion amended** by Stirrett and seconded by Marrocco to also include a \$3,000 escrow deposit for Planned Unit Development application, Site Condo application, and Subdivision Review application. **Motion carried.**

Garbage Contract Renewal

Gary Varisto, from Emterra Environmental, presented the new pricing schedule for the proposed contract and explained the minor changes to the contract. A complete contract will be presented for review at the December meeting.

Medical Marijuana

Adam Duke, Midwest Sustainable Sungrowers Association, gave a presentation on a proposed location within the Township for a growing facility for medical marijuana. He stated the property was zoned AG (growing is allowed in this district under Statute), would provide 10-15 seasonal jobs, would provide the outdoor grow of no more than 500 plants, would be protected by an 8 foot fence and security cameras, a pole barn to provide work space and secure storage, and plants would be transported to Detroit for

processing. The Township could decide what kind of license they would grant based on the best interest of the Township. The Township could charge up to \$5,000 for licenses for facilities.

Zoning Enforcement Report given.

Building Inspector Report given.

Fire Report given.

Supervisor Update: Recycling trailer should be in place today.

County Update: Sheriff Kelly Hansen gave an annual report on police activities in the County and the Township.

Public Comments:

Leonard Lafayette: Concerned about golf course property.

Barb Degg: Requested the dog leash ordinance be included in the newsletter.

Adam Duke: Medical marijuana has been discussed at the Planning Commission and the option to do nothing may be not be correct. He will attend Planning meetings to explain the options.

Vincent Calimazzo: Owns the property for the proposed grow facility. Would like to grow the smallest amount of marijuana allowed under the law. Feels it would have positive outcomes for the community and will provide economic opportunities. It will be grown safely with the least amount of impact on the community.

Jack Muscat: Questioned the location of the proposed grow site and if there would be any processing on site.

Casey Bruce: Represents the golf course and has letters of support for the proposed use.

Board Comments:

Marrocco: Questioned how many grow facilities were in Huron County and would it be cultivation only? Is there a need for an ordinance to grow, transport and dispense? She questioned the Sheriff's opinion of the proposal.

Dufty: Advised the Board that a correction to a 2015 special assessment was needed. **Motion** by Stirrett second by Marrocco to remove the Sandy Isles 2008 assessment in the amount of \$146.16 and the Library assessment in the amount of \$10.00 from property number 3204-332-257-00 on the 2015 tax roll. **Motion carried.**

Platko: Police office upkeep is completed and looks great.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Michelle Stirrett
Caseville Township Clerk

Ben Willenberg
Caseville Township Supervisor