

**BRADY TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Brady Township Planning Commission was held on May 20, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Chairman Gary Miller
Ed Haberle
Mike Henderson
Randy Smith
Scott Oswalt
Julie Skrzypek

Absent: Vice Chairman Dave Locey.

Also attending was Township Attorney Craig Rolfe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Randy Smith **made a motion** to approve the agenda as printed. Mike Henderson **supported the motion**, and it was **passed unanimously**.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Scott Oswalt **made a motion** to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010 as printed, with the correction of time adjourned on page 3. Julie Skrzypek **supported**, and the **motion was carried unanimously**.

PUBLIC HEARING : Proposed amendment of Section 3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance

A tentative text for definitions for “shoreline” and “watercourse” was prepared by the township attorney and distributed to the Planning Commission members. The Planning Commissioners discussed the tentative text to amend Section 3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to add definitions for “shoreline” and “watercourse”. There were no citizens in attendance for the Public Hearing. There has been no written correspondence pertaining to this Public Hearing. After discussion, Mike Henderson **made a motion** to recommend to the Township Board the approval of the proposed new definitions to Section 3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance. Scott Oswalt **supported**, and the **motion was carried unanimously**.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Marijuana Clinics

Randy Smith has prepared and distributed a resolution to be considered in regards to the Medical Marijuana Act that was adopted by the state of Michigan in 2008. The Resolution would restrict the distribution of medical marijuana to the commercial and industrial zones in Brady Township.

Craig Rolfe stated that the state is extensively regulating the licensing of these “clinics” and that any local ordinance would be pre-empted by the state.

Mike Henderson stated that if the Planning Commission knew what specifically concerned the Township Board about the clinics, it would be easier to address.

Gary Miller stated that these clinics are covered in the township ordinance under the permitted use of home occupation.

Mike stated that if the concern was the use of marijuana outside of the home, the existing ordinance for home occupation could be amended.

After further discussion, the Planning Commission agreed to go back to the Township Board for more specific information.

Leaf Burning near Waterways

Randy Smith stated that the Indian Lake Association is very concerned about leaf burning near the lake because the ash causes weed development in the lake. A member of this association, who appeared at the last Board meeting, would like to prohibit the depositing of any residue into the lake or to establish setbacks from the lake for burning. The member stated that area residents have been educated about the problem with fires close to the lake.

Craig Rolfe stated that burning is covered in Brady Township’s General Ordinance.

Mike Henderson stated that the Township Board might consider the current burning ordinance, decide if any changes are needed, and to add fines to discourage lakeside burning.

The Planning Commission further recommended that the General Ordinance be decriminalized by the Township Board.

OLD BUSINESS: none.

REPORT from Township Board

Randy Smith welcomed the two new members of the Planning Commission and stated that there are funds available for training if they are interested.

REPORT from ZBA

Ed Haberle stated that there have been no ZBA meetings since last December.

ATTORNEY TIME

The Township Attorney informed the Planning Commission of a court case that Brady Township has had ongoing for many months.

The Township Attorney stated that the Master Plan must have the Township Board's Resolution to Adopt inside the front cover to be complete. He thanked Randy Smith for all of the time and work he put into this project.

MEMBERS TIME

Randy Smith informed the Planning Commission about Brady Township's web page. He noted that the ordinance book on the web page must be kept up to date as new ordinances are added or amended.

Mike Henderson **made a motion** to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Gary Miller **seconded** and the **motion was carried unanimously**.

The next regular Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Gary Miller

Brenda Brock,
Recording Secretary