Richmond Twp Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2021

The Richmond Twp Planning Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by George Miljour, . Roll call was taken and members present were George Miljour, Emily Hodge, Pauline Bedwell (by phone), and Rob Conklin. Absent were Darlene Miljour and Taylor Nellist. Another in attendance was Zoning Administrator Fred Van Luven.

Rob made a motion to approve the agenda, supported by Emily. Pauline moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of December 3, 2020, supported by Rob.

There were no Public Comments, and no Public Hearing. There were no new Communications.

Under New Business, The Township Marijuana Ordinance was addressed. Since the December meeting, Fred and Pauline met to insert the recommended components into the working draft. All Commission members received a copy of the updated draft and were asked to review it prior to tonight's meeting and be prepared to make further modifications/corrections. There were a number of grammatical and typographical corrections made as well as some minor wording changes. The Commission felt that there was not enough specific language regarding security and surveillance measures, so Pauline will edit the proposed Ordinance to include the recommended changes and insert clauses on security and surveillance. There was some discussion on security at marijuana facilities in general. The State of Michigan appears to be moving towards 3rd party, or neutral security agencies providing the required security service.

After revisions are made, the Planning Commission will present the proposed Ordinance to the Richmond Township Board for review, hopefully at their regular meeting on February 11, 2021. Our next meeting date has not been planned pending the Township Board's response.

As there was no further business, Pauline made a motion to adjourn, which was supported by Rob. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Pauline Bedwell
Planning Commission Member

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