

Approved

GLEN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

Planning Commission

Glen Arbor, Michigan 49636

March 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lance Roman called the meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 7:35P.M.

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ROLL CALL:

Present were: Lance Roman, Bob Ihme, Pam Lysaght, Michael Plessner, Bill Stege and Bill Thompson

John Pepler was absent.

Tim Cypher was also in attendance.

AGENDA:

Approved as presented

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February Planning meeting were approved unanimously with corrections by a motion from Plessner and supported by Lysaght.

TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORT:

Board representative Pepler was absent. No report given

ZONING ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- Hemphill Trust site plan review:

Andy Purvis, representing Gordy Fraser, presented a site plan for the South side of the project and distributed copies to Commission members for their perusal. Cypher stated that the application for the Hemphill property is complete. Questions and discussion ensued.

Thompson moved the Commission hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Hemphill plans at 7PM directly before the regularly scheduled April meeting. Plessner supported. Motion passed unanimously.

- Cypher reported on a Michigan marihuana workshop that he attended. Michigan passed three bills that will allow commercial grow applications. A municipality's approval is required before you can apply. A new marihuana facility is being proposed in Kingsley that will provide 100 new jobs. Cypher is sending a memo to the Township Board. Cypher noted that Michigan allows commercial hemp growth.
- The Art Association project is moving along as projected.

- Crystal Glen hopes to be back to the April Planning meeting with their proposed project. They are presently working with the Health Department regarding requirements for their drain field.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT:

Lysaght, as representative of the ZBA, reported on the February hearing. The vote was unanimous to support the Zoning Administrators ruling.

Another meeting is planned to discuss the bylaws of the ZBA. Presently there is no limit on the amount of time a petitioner can revisit a grievance decision and some guidelines will be discussed on that topic and others.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BUSINESS:

1. Master Plan Review – PL

The Commission will review the Master Plan draft in April after members have the opportunity to peruse the February draft. A Public hearing will be planned for May.

The County will review late in May or June. The Master Plan should come back to Planning Commission before going to township board.

2. Discuss punch list items as needed or updated (time permitting)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Ihme reported on the estimates he received for the connections of the Heritage Trail.

Thompson moved that the engineering company of Prein&Newhof be hired to study routes and estimate the cost to extend the Heritage Trail through Glen Arbor. Stege supported and the motion carried unanimously.

Roman proposed the Commission budget \$10,000 for this project. Ihme will attend the March Township Board meeting.

Chairman Lance Roman adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Dotti Thompson
Recording Secretary
Planning Commission