

**Clearwater Township**  
Planning Commission  
Regular Meeting of October 3, 2016  
As approved November 7, 2016

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance:**

Chair Parzych called the meeting to order at 7:08p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call of Members and Recognition of Visitors:**

Commissioners present: Backers, Fields, Parzych, Von See.

Commissioners absent: Eldridge

Township officials: Assistant Zoning Administrator Parzych

Public: Mrs. Carol Backers.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Amend to strike 9 Report of the Township Board Representative and 10 Report of the Zoning Administrator from the agenda.

**Motion** by Backers, second by Von See, to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Call for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests:**

None declared.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** by Backers, second by Vo See, to accept the minutes of September 19, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

**Public Comment for Matters Not on the Agenda:** None.

**Comments from Commissioners for Matters Not on the Agenda:** None.

**Ongoing Permanent Business:**

Under our ongoing permanent business to review the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance, we note that we still have no source for the rationale that supports a minimum dwelling space. We understand the need for certain facilities to be present in any dwelling. We do not yet have the perspective of the County Board of Commissioners in support of their removal of the minimum dwelling space requirements from the county ordinance. Backers will continue to seek a response from the county on that point.

**Old Business:**

Medical marijuana update Public Acts 281, 282, and 283 of 2016 have been passed. The commission will study these new laws for how they apply to our township. We understand that among other things, the new laws allow townships to determine whether or not facilities can be located in their jurisdictions.

**New Business**

Chair Parzych reported receiving a number of frivolous zoning complaints. He indicated the need to include a telephone number for contacting the complainant, whether for clarification of the complaint or for reporting back on any action taken.

Commissioner Backers raised the question of reviewing the zoning around the M-72 corridor. Commercial development is coming on that corridor from the neighboring townships. In order to develop our section of that corridor in a manner that respects the nature of the land and scenery, we need to be thinking about the kind of business enterprise that would be welcome. We need to slide these ideas into our ongoing Master Plan review.

**Closing Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion** by Backers, second by Von See, to adjourn. Adjournment at 7:51 p.m.

**Assignments:**

- Review the medical marijuana updates put on agenda for November
- Parzych to give the form to Fields to modify

**Next Meeting: November 7, 2016**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Norris Fields  
Secretary