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GOODLAND TOWNSHIP  
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
May 4, 2017

A regular meeting of the Goodland Township Planning Commission was held at the Goodland Township Hall, located at 2374 N Van Dyke Rd, Imlay City, MI 48444; pursuant to notice duly posted.

Board Members Present: Bob Van Den Berg, Roger Roszczewski, Lynne Foltz, Tim Robberstad & Dan Steckly

Board Members Absent: Larry Kohler & Mike Juip

Others Present: Mary Weemaes, Bruce Leach, Tom Wright, George C. Foltz, Janie Lupo, Mary & Lincoln Trombley, Rob Sommer, Amy Nolin

The meeting was called to order by Van Den Berg at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

**AGENDA**

**Motion 04-17-01PC**

Motion by Foltz, seconded by Robberstad, to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES**

**Motion 04-16-02PC**

Motion by Roszczewski, seconded by Kohler, to approve the minutes of the February 2 & March 16, 2017 meetings, as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC TIME**—received comments and information about medicinal marijuana.

**OLD BUSINESS**—none to address.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Solar & Wind Farm Ordinance(s)—Steckly updated the PC that he did talk to several groups about possible interference from the electromagnetic fields with agricultural GPS units. None of the groups that he spoke with were aware of any reported issues. The PC was also informed that there are multiple organizations that have approached property owners in the area about leasing land for solar installations. There was discussion about what zones these installations should be allowed. There was also discussion about issues for consideration (contracts, reclamation plans, ownership issues with access and rights-of-way, imminent domain concerns, equipment lifespans, etc.).

1 Commercial Marijuana Production Ordinance—the PC was informed about the new regulations and laws  
2 that are addressing medical marijuana growing & processing. It is a potential revenue source, but  
3 communities must opt in to the program for operations in their municipality to be eligible to receive a  
4 license. There was discussion about the federal laws and how the State will regulate/monitor the industry.  
5 The PC received information for their review, comments from the public, and will be looking into  
6 ordinances from other municipalities.

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8 The next Regular Meeting of the Goodland Township Planning Commission is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.  
9 6/1/2017.

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11 Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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13 These minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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18 Bob Van Den Berg, Chair

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20 Lynne Foltz, Secretary

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Amy Nolin, Recording Secretary