

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
August 10, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

Members Present: Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage, Chad Momber, Bill Goodfellow, Jason Bradford and Rob Steffens

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

Additions #4 Ordinance to Create a Construction Board of Appeals, #5 Appointment of members for the Construction Board of Appeals, #6 Fees for the Construction Board of Appeals #10 IFT Public Hearing Date, #11 New Computer, #12 SRA Appointment. It was motioned by Bradford to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle to approve minutes of July 13, 2017

Carried 7-0

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Momber to approve treasurer's report.

Carried 7-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

2. Medical Marijuana Ordinance -Request for planning commission to consider

Bergman informed the Board that the neighboring Townships and the Village of Sparta are all opting out of a Medical Marijuana Ordinance. He also included a letter from the attorney with the pros and cons. Adam Schwallier stated that most of the Townships that were passing an ordinance were looking for a financial boost in their budget. Jason Blauw informed the board that with the new law everything will be tracked by the State 24 hours a day. Marybeth Dame was there to let the board know she does not want a grow facility near to her residence. Shangle made a motion to **not** adopt any ordinance allowing any Dispensarys, Growers, Safety Compliance Centers, Processors or Secure Transporters at the current law, at this time. It was seconded by Savage. Bergman will verify that our current ordinance prohibits Dispensarys already.

Carried 7-0

3. Sewer District Discussion

It was the consensus of the Board to take no action at this time on the Sewer District. Bergman noted that he would abstain from any voting on the issue.

4. Ordinance to Create the Construction Board of Appeals

Goodfellow made a motion to adopt the draft with the changes from 5 to 3 board members, and to have Dale work with the Attorney Cliff Bloom to clarify the wording on the conditions. It was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

5. Approval of the Construction Board

Steffens moved to appoint Tim Driscoll, Bill Taylor, and Gary Moody to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two-year term to expire 8/31/2019. Seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

6. Construction Board of Appeal Fees

Shangle made a motion to adopt an application fee of \$300.00 and \$500.00 escrow to make an appeal to the Construction Board, and to pay the Chair person, \$65.00 and the remaining members \$45.00 per meeting, paid annually. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

7. Policy for the Historical Commission Credit Card

Shangle made a motion to approve the Historical Commission to have a credit card with an approved policy, it was seconded by Savage.

Carried 7-0

8. Wine Makers License Local Approval Stoney Ridge Winery

Flanery's made a revision to their first approved plan when their barn was deemed unsafe. They are now building a new facility with approved bathrooms and a wine making area and a wine tasting room. Shangle made a motion to approve the application of Stony Ridge Winery LLC and Bradford seconded it.

Carried 7-0

9. Quote from Graphicus Signs for the Board Room wall and stairwell

Steffens made a motion to approve the signs and release for the reproduction of the logo for a total cost of \$995.00. It was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

10. IFT Public Hearing Date

Shangle made a motion to pass Resolution 17-9 to set up a Public Hearing for Elite Apple's IFT for September 14, 2017, it was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 6-0

Steffens Abstaining

11. New Computer

Steffens made a motion to purchase a new computer for the office for around \$700.00, it was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

12. SRA Appointment

Shangle made a motion to accept Kevin Pickney's resignation from SRA, it was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

Steffens made a motion to appoint Bob Maier to the unexpired term of Pickney. It was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

OTHER INFORMATION

Steffens reported that Vanderwerff and May will begin construction on the concession stand at the park soon and Wahfield will be putting in a test well at no cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Trooper Scott was there to inform the Board of the presence of the State police in our area. There are typically 5 troops on M-37. He was also asked if the state police could inspect medical marijuana facilities and he said no they were not able to do that.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Shangle and 2nd by Momber
The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk