

MINUTES BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 14, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.

Big Rapids Township Hall, 14212 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

Chairman, Shane called the special meeting (replacing the regular meeting of December 21, 2010) of the Big Rapids Charter Township Zoning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 14, 2010.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Linda Osborn, Gordon Oliver, Glenn Patrick, Lisa Davidson, Jim Shane, Mike Hults and Philip Keating, the record shows a quorum present. Also present at the meeting: Maxine McClelland, Zoning Administrator and Mae Emerson, Recording Secretary.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes – November 16, 2010

G. Patrick moved the zoning minutes of November 16, 2010 be accepted as submitted; second by L. Osborn; motion carried unanimously with six yeas.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

VI. SITE PLAN REVIEW: None.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Medical Marijuana Act

M. McClelland briefly reviewed the law and noted that legal council recommended taking no action at this time.

3. Update on Zoning Study on Negative Impact of Sexually Oriented Business Language for a police ordinance to be proposed for adoption by the Township Board is being prepared for the Boards review and action.

4. Other Business -None.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Planning Enabling Act

- Ordinance to Establish Planning Commission

Chairman Shane reviewed action needed. Motion by M. Hults to recommend establishment of a Planning Commission, with seven members, transfer of all zoning commission powers to the Planning Commission and forwarding that recommendation to the Big Rapids Charter Township Board with an invitation to meet jointly with the Zoning Commission at the Zoning Commission's January

18, 2010 meeting at 7:30 p.m.; second G. Patrick. Motion carried unanimously with seven yeas.

2. Additional Comments on Review of Land Use Plan –page 34-45 -None.

3. Plaque for John “Jack” Fleming

M. McClelland reminded Board Members a memorial service for John “Jack” Fleming will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the United Church. A plaque in Jack’s honor has been purchased and will be displayed at the Big Rapids Township Hall.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business before the Zoning Commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn by M. Hults; second by L. Osborn. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, or at the call of the Chairman. Meeting adjourned.

_____, Chairman

James Shane
Big Rapids Township Zoning Commission

Date Approved

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