

READING PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF READING

July 17, 2017

Present: Chad Penney, Chuck Hartshorn, Emma Everett, Betty Blount. Absent: Christine Gollnick, Warren Bartels. Also present: Ben Wheeler. Chad called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. at Reading City Hall. Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, to approve the May minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS: A follow up in regards to new printing of the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Review was discussed. Warren provided a written report with a list of actions and changes over the years. Updates to the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance will be made with information from Warren's report.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held in regards to Solar Farms/Alternative Energy. Ben was contacted by Cypress Creek Renewables with questions about the permitting process. Ben stated we do not have a Solar Ordinance in place and a Special Use permit would be needed. The Commission will need to obtain examples of ordinances from other local jurisdictions. The Commission will study the matter further and continue discussion at the next meeting.

Information was provided to the Planning Commission in regards to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (PA 281 of 2016). Businesses and individuals interested in establishing the types of facilities contained in the new law can start applying to the State of Michigan on December 15, 2017.

Betty made a motion, seconded by Chuck, that the Planning Commission intends to write an ordinance to opt-in and govern the regulation and licensing of Medical Marihuana Facilities in the City of Reading. Motion carried 4-0.

Compliance Permits have been issued to:

Price 115 W. Silver St., for a fence

Myers, 415 S. Main St., for a fence

Tapia Lincoln/Warner St. (ZBA-lot size)

Isaman, 217 W. State St., outbuilding

Hillsdale Hospital, 143 S. Main St., fence

The next meeting is September 18, 2017. Chuck made a motion, seconded by Betty, to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Motion carried 4-0.