

**Flowerfield Township  
St. Joseph County  
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**

**February 15, 2018**

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M. Planning Commission members present: Joe Woodin, Greg Hamelink, Marty Eldred, Richard Rice, Neil Farrell. Ron Shaver was absent. Guests present: Nick Shimp and Ev Flowers

**Board Member Additions to Agenda**

Marty asked that a discussion regarding commercial grow (MMFLA) be added under new business.

**Approval of Agenda**

Joe made a motion to approve the agenda, Marty seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Board Member Comments**

Joe mentioned upcoming ZBA training and that he would pass that info along to ZBA members. He also mentioned Southwest Michigan Prosperity Committee efforts and passed along an email to PC members regarding their efforts. Richard Rice mentioned that he spoke with Tom Wolhuis about joining PC, Tom was not interested. Richard also talked to Tom Jones about the event he was trying to put together at his farm later this summer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Joe made a motion to approve the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes, Neil seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Public Comments & Requests for Applications and/or Special Exceptions**

Ev Flowers commented about the upcoming auction at the old sawmill on Chamberlain Road and that Doug Kuhlman needed to address this with the auctioneer. Greg received an email from Ron Shaver about this, Ron had addressed this with Doug. Nick Shimp introduced himself; he is a resident of Flowerfield and is interested in participating in the Planning Commission.

**Correspondence**

Greg received a letter from Kalamazoo County regarding issuance of a new Master Plan.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Master Plan review:** Greg provided PC members with a copy of the 2009 Master Plan for review. The PC agreed to review this prior to the next meeting so that next steps could be determined. Ideas for review/modification: Use questionnaire (online or via mail), use a focus group consisting of PC, TB, ZBA, and township residents. Greg also sent a copy to Doug Kuhlman for review and comment.

**Marijuana discussion**

The PC will review letter from State of Michigan, Joe Woodin will provide PC with any information from sessions he attended and the PC will address this issue accordingly.

**Adjournment:**

Joe made a motion to adjourn, Neil seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 8:10 P.M.

**March 15, 2018**