

**TOWNSHIP OF FREMONT**  
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA  
MAYVILLE, MICHIGAN 48744  
**Planning Commission Meeting**

April 4, 2017

**Board Present:** Ken Bragg, Amy Holbrook, Ron Curell, Tyler Ireland, RoseAnn Laskowski, and Kim Vaughan. **Board Absent:** Terry Glowicki. **Guest Present:** Henry Wymore, Lyle Fryers, Matt Blatt and 2 others.

Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Ireland.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion made by Curell, seconded by Vaughan to approve the January 10, 2017, meeting minutes - motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

H. Wymore asked if the chairperson would open the meeting up for public comments again at the end of the meeting. The Chairperson stated yes.

**Old Business:**

2016 Medical Marijuana Law – Board received the letter from the attorney regarding the new law. Bragg stated that he likes the fact that there is more information regarding who is allowed to do what in the 2016 law than is in the 2008 law. Bragg also stated that he isn't in favor of allowing marijuana facilities in the township, he stated that the 2008 law accommodates for the medical need. Laskowski stated that most people are looking online to see what is allowed in the township and if we have nothing online than it will increase phone calls from people wanting to know what our ordinance allows. She feels that it would be prudent to have something on the website or in the ordinance that states that we don't allow facilities. It was mentioned whether we needed to rescind the current ordinance and Holbrook stated that she questioned the attorney regarding that and he stated that we do not have to rescind that ordinance because it involves the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act which is different than the Medical Marijuana Facilities License Act. It was stated that if the new law doesn't affect the current growers coming in than why was it passed at all. It was mentioned that the 2008 law is for patients and caregivers and the 2016 law is for commercial operations. Laskowski mentioned that maybe we should get an opinion from our attorney on the 2008 law so we better understand how it compares to the 2016 law. Laskowski also stated that maybe we should have a moratorium just so that there is something in the ordinance. Lyle Fryers stated that he thinks we need to do some more investigation into the law before we make any decision. A Resident stated that maybe we should also look at the other side of the law and the benefits that the township could get from allowing the facilities. There would be some increased revenue to the township and also would bring in jobs. H. Wymore stated that it was his opinion that we don't do anything right now. Bragg stated that he thinks we should have one of our legislators come to a meeting and explain the differences in the two laws. Lyle Fryers stated that he would call them and see if they can explain it to him. Motion made by Bragg that Fremont Township opt-out of the 2016 Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act based on the information received from the attorney. There was no second to the motion so the motion died on the table.

**New Business:**

Received a letter from the Tuscola County Airport Authority regarding solar facilities and drone use in the townships of Tuscola County. It was stated that the letter contained more about the drone use than the solar farms. It was also stated that Fremont Township doesn't have an airport so it did not apply to us and Holbrook stated that there is a small portion of the township that is in the 5-mile range of the Caro Airport. Laskowski stated that maybe we should just put a copy of the letter from the Airport Authority on our website so that people are aware of the regulations. There was discussion on solar farms and it was stated that there is a large solar farm in Oregon Township in Lapeer County. Laskowski stated that maybe we should see if we could get someone to come to our next meeting to explain more about the solar farms. Lyle Fryers stated that the company that has been interested in placing solar farms in our township would be willing to attend a meeting and that he will contact them and try to get them to our July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board decided to table the discussion on solar farms until our next meeting.

Received a letter from RJA Auto Sales requesting the \$350 that they paid for a SLU to be returned to them because it was never received. Lyle Fryers stated that they did turn in the paperwork but it wasn't complete and that the money wasn't spent because we didn't have a meeting or send out any notices. Motion made by Bragg, seconded by Laskowski to recommend to the Township Board that they refund the \$350 to RJA Auto Sales because no action was taken on his SLU request – motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

H. Wymore stated that he has been asked by a few residents if there was anything the township could do to get better internet service in the township. He questioned if there was anything that the township could do? Vaughan stated that there wasn't anything the township could do, it is up to the companies that run the wires or have the towers.

**Next Meeting:** Next Planning Commission meeting will be on July 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Laskowski, seconded by Holbrook to adjourn the meeting – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Amy L. Holbrook, Secretary