

# TOWNSHIP OF NORMAN

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## DRAFT MINUTES

[for: July 6, 2017]

In the absence of Chair Gries, Vice-Chair Schuch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Schuch, Fisher, Schilling, and Edmondson represented a quorum present to conduct business. Chair Gries was absent. The Zoning Administrator was also in attendance.

There was a **motion by Schuch** and a **second by Schilling** to approve the June 2017 minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

First public comment period was offered – none received.

The June 2017 minutes were reviewed. **Motion by Schuch** and **Second by Schilling** to approve the minutes as presented; unanimously passed.

### **Public Hearing**

The Vice-Chair **declared the public hearing open** for the purpose of presenting the proposed zoning ordinance amendments concerning Articles 5, 10, 80, 82, and 84 of the zoning ordinance. The Zoning Administrator and Planner Grobbel presented brief comments essentially clarifying ordinance language, simplifying processes, and allowing other agencies to monitor their areas of jurisdiction rather than repeating in the ordinance that the other agencies will be responsible for this. A period of public comment for the public hearing was offered – none received. The Vice-Chair **closed the public hearing**.

Planner Grobbel presented a power point presentation to the Planning Commission, members of the Township Board, and the public that were in attendance regarding the new Michigan Medical Marihuana Act(s), PA 281, 282, and 283. The presentation contained information related to the

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current status of the 2008 voter initiated act and an introduction of the more commercially oriented status as will be permitted under the new laws. It was emphasized that if a municipality does NOT want to permit / allow the new activity in the community, then they need not take any action at all. The ONLY way to allow the activity is to 'opt-in' and to put in place the appropriate ordinances.

## **Unfinished Business**

Both the Zoning Administrator and planner Grobbel reiterated the need to consolidate all of the recent zoning ordinance amendments, organize by chapter, and place into a single document that would be more user friendly.

The Anti-Noise and Public Nuisance was discussed. **Motion by Schilling, seconded by Schuch** to pass along to the Township Board for consideration.

Reports were presented – The Zoning Administrator advised that there were no pending appeals - no monthly report was presented.

## **New Business**

After brief discussion there was a **motion by Schuch** and a **second by Edmondson** to recommend to the Norman Township Board that they adopt the proposed zoning ordinance amendments in Articles 5, 10, 80, 82, and 84. A roll call vote indicated all in favor.

The Vice-Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Commission

Robert (Bob) Hall

Zoning Administrator