

On June 28, 2017 the Newbury Township Zoning Commission (ZC) held their regularly scheduled monthly meeting at the Newbury Town Hall. Jerry Hudak chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Steve Boughner, Ed DeIuliis and Tricia Haima present.

Jerry Hudak asked if there were any changes or revisions to be made to the May 24, 2017 minutes. Ed DeIuliis then moved to approve the minutes as presented, Steve Boughner seconded the minutes that passed by unanimous vote.

Jerry Hudak then opened the discussion on medical marijuana.

Steve asked whether the township had considered the profit possible from a local growing/distribution facility. The problems should be minimal as the use was well defined to medical restrictions within the law.

Ed concurred, “whether zoning likes it or not, get on board! Mike said “if not one way, then another”. Businesses must maintain pharma standards.

Jerry said he had mixed emotions on the marijuana subject: first medical, then recreational, like Colorado.

Steve said he opposes the marijuana grow site only and questioned whether there was a 30 day expiration attached to the trustee’s amendment transmission. He said he felt their outright ban was “outrageous” as marijuana was still federally illegal with state licencing in second place.

The chairman accepted the Trustees Certificate of a Resolution to Initiate a Proposed Amendment to the Newbury Zoning Resolution dtd 5/3/17, Exhibit A – “medical marijuana”: insert definition to Sec. 2.01 & Prohibition to Sec. 4.01Z plus a 6 month permit moratorium from 5/3/17.

Jerry Hudak noted that without a full voting board in attendance, he suggested tabling voting on the initiative till the next meeting – all agreed.

The trustees have not yet examined the first two code change sections Mike Nelson sent them for preliminary review, comments and/or approval. Jerry Hudak said he will ask Mike Nelson to send code sections 3 and 4 to the trustees to continue the review process. Steve Boughner so moved and Ed DeIuliis seconded that motion that passed by unanimous vote.

Jerry said he would see Glen to determine which code changes were forwarded and not send Art. 3 & 4 till question is resolved.

Jerry Hudak said the next regularly scheduled ZC meeting would be scheduled for July 26, 2017.

Mike Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, Ed DeIuliis seconded the motion that passed by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.

Signatures of the Zoning Commission:

Jerry Hudak, Chairperson

Mike Nelson, V. Chair

Tricia Hajma, 1st alt.

Steve Boughner

Ed DeIuliis

Attest: Marge Hrabak, Sec'y,
date: