

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTAGE**  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
**January 18, 2018 (Thursday)**

**Members Present:** Peggy Lee Anderson, Melanie Kueber Watkins, Dave Rulison, John Ligon, Constance Sherry, Bill Fink, & Bruce Petersen (Supervisor)

**Members Absent:** Ted Soldan

**Public Present:** Phillip Vasquez, Carl Johnson, Tina DeForge, Joanie Kempainen, J.P. Britz, Howard A. Rapsor

Called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

**Discussion Items:**

- The minutes of November 30, 2017 were sent out to all – Minutes Reviewed and OK'ed.
- Phil Vasquez discussed his Marijuana provisioning center siting. He is working with American Green and was initially looking at the BP Station is Zoned B-2 that is for sale near the Pilgrim River Steakhouse. He indicated that he will have is LARA dispensary licenses by June 15, 2018 and by February 15, 2018 all license applications have to be sent to the State. Dave motioned that a dispensary within B-2 is ok with one contingency → the underground storage tank is approved by the DEQ. Connie 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously. He was apprised that once he gets a concrete plan for the dispensary business that he will have to come back to the P.C. for final zoning approval.
- Discussed once again the rental ordinance, the needed landlord checklists, the initial registration and just how the ord. will be enforced. Will once again send out all the forms and the ordinance for P.C. review.
- Twp. Zoning Application/Permit needs to be updated to include Marijuana Facilities of all kinds. Discussed what updates are needed – Melanie will craft a new permit with the suggested additions.
- Discussed wood fired external home boilers – on page 8, section 2.16 of the Zoning Manual. The specifications cited therein were discussed – could the P.C. require more than the “minimums” stated in the Zoning Manual given certain “settings”

such as proximity to neighbors, prevailing winds, lot line off-sets, etc. That question will be forwarded on to our legal counsel.

- The remaining 2018 quarterly meetings are: Thursday, April 12th, Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that at the next meeting – wind farms and how they might impact the Twp. could be discussed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Dave moved and Connie 2<sup>nd</sup> – at 8:10P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor