

**Montrose Township Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrie Fikes @ 7:00PM.
The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Gary Keeler, Morrie Fikes, Chris Sajdak, Janet Trueblood, Harry Powell & Don Pollard.

Absent: None (Bob Doyle Resigned in June 2011)

Staff Present: Dennis Miller - Building Official

Meeting Minutes – June 6, 2011 Regular Meeting:

A motion was made by H. Powell, and supported by J. Trueblood, to accept the Meeting Minutes from the June 6, 2011 regular Meeting as presented. **Motion Carried: 6 - 0**

New Business: Tabled Public Hearing:

Medical Marijuana Clubs, Dispensaries, and Growing Facilities – Text Amendments

In each members packet was a letter from D. Miller and Township Attorney Richard Austin explaining their recommendation on postponing any action on the creation/adoption of Medical Marijuana Ordinances until the Attorney General and the Courts have had time to render an opinion on the matter. Also included in each packet was a copy of the Attorney General's opinion.

A motion was made by G. Keeler, and supported by D. Pollard, to ask the Township Board to extend the moratorium on the placement of Medical Marijuana Clubs, Dispensaries and/or Growing Facilities in the Township for an additional six (6) months. **Motion Carried: 6 - 0**

Public Hearing:

Temporary Use Permit - Pond Excavation Permit (materials to remain on-site)

Travis Hayward - 9073 Seymour Road, Parcel # 13-33-400-032, Section 33, Zoned RF (Residential Farms)

Chairman M. Fikes opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 PM.

Mr. Hayward was present for the Public Hearing and answered all questions asked of him. He indicated that the purpose of the pond was for both recreational swimming and fishing.

Chairman M. Fikes asked if any citizens present wished to comment.

Chairman M. Fikes closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 PM as there was no public input.

A motion was made by D. Pollard, and supported by C. Sajdak, to grant the Temporary Use – Pond Excavation permit on Parcel 13-33-400-032 for the period of one year with the six Building Department recommendations to become conditions upon approval. **Motion Carried: 6 - 0**

Other Business: - None

Zoning Ordinance Review:
Ponds – Discussion

D. Miller expressed a concern he had with the fact that if someone wanted to construct a pond smaller than the current 9,000 square foot minimum that they were required to first go to the Planning Commission and then to the Zoning Board of Appeals, when this could under normal circumstances be handled by the Planning Commission. He felt that the current Pond Ordinances should be modified to allow ponds less than the minimum requirements set forth in Ordinance 153.258. The Board discussed at some length possible modifications to these requirements and what checks and balances would be implemented to make sure smaller ponds are properly constructed and maintained.

The Board agreed that Mr. Miller should put together some proposed language and bring it back to the next Planning Commission meeting for review.

Citizens Comments: - None

Adjournment: **A motion was made** by G. Keeler, supported by D. Pollard to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. **Motion Carried: 6 - 0.**

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully,
Chris Sajdak
Board Secretary