

**Montrose Township Planning Commission
Workshop - Minutes
April 4, 2011**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrie Fikes @ 5:30PM.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Gary Keeler, Bob Doyle, Morrie Fikes, Chris Sajdak, Janet Trueblood

Absent: Harry Powell. & Don Pollard (indicated he would be absent at 3/7/11 meeting)

Staff Present: Dennis Miller - Building Official, Gail Fikes – Treasurer, Mark Emmendorfer – Supervisor, and Rick Austin – Township Attorney

Zoning Ordinance Update:

1. Medical Marijuana Ordinance discussion with Township Attorney.

D. Miller had provides copies of Medical Marijuana ordinances adopted by the City of Burton and Monitor Township in each members packets. Also included was a rough draft of the Medical Marijuana ordinance that had been prepared and discussed by the Planning Commission for Montrose Township. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the Planning Commission and Township Board members an opportunity to ask the Township Attorney questions on the legality of drafting an ordinance to regulate the growth and distribution of Medical Marijuana.

Attorney Austin talked about the two ordinances that he has worked on with his other units and that we could use them to help draft an ordinance that would better fit Montrose Township. He noted that our current draft only dealt with dispensaries and it needed to address medical marijuana clubs and growing facilities also.

Chairman M. Fikes mentioned that we should provide for annual business licenses for such facilities within our zoning ordinance.

Decision:

A consensus was reach that D. Miller would revise the draft of the proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance using some language from the other ordinances we had reviewed and submit it for review to the Township Attorney.

Adjournment:

Chairman M. Fikes ended the Joint Workshop @ 6:40 PM.

Respectfully,
Chris Sajdak
Board Secretary