

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
ERIE TOWNSHIP  
ERIE, MICHIGAN  
Regular Meeting  
June 18, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Bill Jacobs called to order the Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Planning Commission on June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Township office, Erie Road. Erie, Michigan.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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| Bill Jacobs     | Present        |
| Dave Cousino    | Present        |
| Mike Grodi      | Present        |
| Dr. Larry Guinn | Present        |
| Dan Taylor      | Present        |
| Paul Perry      | Absent-Excused |
| Robert Schwartz | Present        |

Also present: Mike Demski and Recording Secretary, Kristine Crammond.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mike Grodi made a motion to approve the Agenda. Dr. Larry Guinn seconded. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Larry Guinn made note of some corrections that were needed to the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes. Dr. Larry Guinn made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mike Grodi seconded. Corrections to the minutes will be underlined and emailed to the Township office and to the Planning Commissioners.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Public Comments

Diane La Plante stated there will be a Parks Commission meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7 pm.

B. Budget Report

Bill Jacobs stated the budget is not in order. The Township has not yet approved of the amount requested by the Planning Commission. Robert Schwartz made a motion to place the budget on file. Dave Cousino seconded. Motion carried.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Downtown Revitalization Committee Update

Dan Taylor stated SEMCOG advised not to hire an engineer and to continue to work with MDOT. Dan Taylor stated MDOT is doing a traffic study on Dixie Highway. He stated the committee is making progress every month.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Future of Recreational Marijuana Facilities

This was an informational meeting about the Marijuana laws in the state of Michigan. Mike Demski reviewed the changes in legislation regarding Marijuana in the state. He stated in 2008 the voters in Michigan approved the Medical Marijuana Initiative. In 2016, Medical Marijuana Facilities and Licensing Act went into place. At this point it became a pharmaceutical operation which would allow Marijuana to be grown in Industrial facilities, processed, transported and sold in a retail Commercial district. In 2018 the state of Michigan voted in favor to allow Recreational Marijuana. The Townships have no control over the use of marijuana. Mike Demski and the Planning Commissioners wished to inform the Township about the State of Michigan’s decision. The meeting was open for Public Discussion.

B. Pool Requirements

Bill Jacobs stated that currently there is no prohibition in the current ordinance regarding swimming pools in front yards. The Special committee is to meet on this topic and it will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

C. Update Zoning Ordinance Books

Updates were provided.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kim Cousino stated the Township is giving away Mosquito Dunks. Ask at the Township office.

**10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS - None**

**11. MEETING DATES**

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| Tuesday, | July 9, 2019  | Park Commission     | 7:00pm  |
| Tuesday, | July 9, 2019  | Township Board      | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday  | July 16, 2019 | Planning Commission | 7:00 pm |

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Grodi made a motion to adjourn. Robert Schwartz seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kristine Crammond  
Recording Secretary

