

# MINUTES OF THE AUGRES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

## 1st Quarterly Meeting - March 18th, 2024 9:00 A.M.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chairman Jesse Young, Patricia Tremble and Donna Wilson. **ABSENT:** Ross Maser

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:** Art Gallop, Wayne Kinne, Derek Porritt, Jim Herzog and Michael Oxley

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05am with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL of AGENDA:** Motion made by Patricia Tremble to approve the agenda as presented. Motion supported by Donna Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. One Absent (one vacancy). Agenda approved.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:** Motion made by Tremble to approve the minutes of the February 12th, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. Motion supported by Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. One Absent (one Vacancy). Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wayne Kinne, Kola Farms, 2285 Manor Road proposed an expansion of their grow facility onto their property to the west (parcel # 003-0-0230300-005-51). Kinne handed out a drawing of the existing facility and the proposed expansion (1200ft west by 165 feet to the north). Fenced in as required by state law, with a 20' by 40' pole building to house water. Noting that this would not infringe on the Department of Naturalization sets aside acreage.

Supervisor Herzog inquired if this would be considered a separate parcel (and thus a 'new grow').

The planning commission, upon consideration that an expansion to the eastern 10 acres had previously been permitted, a motion was made to the township board by Tremble, Recommending Kola Farms' marijuana facility expansion to the west (as detailed in the drawings). Motion Supported by Wilson. Voice Vote: All Ayes. No Nays. Motion approved.

Derek Porritt spoke on the odor coming from the Pure Green Marijuana Facility (2497 East Huron Road) that control of the smell is already regulated in the Marijuana Ordinances and should be enforced.

**BOARD COMMENT:** Patricia Tremble suggested that another visit to the facility should be scheduled, as the last time there was a visit by the planning commission, the renovation of the facility was not complete. Herzog commented that odor escaped when they get UPS/Fed-Ex deliveries and a bay door gets opened. Zoning Administrator, Art Gallop added that he had approved a zoning permit for a structure to hold 3 - 5,000 gallon water storage tanks. Holding tanks which store plant growing water to be trucked to a waste water facility. As Port-A Pottys were now being used, since EGLE shut down Pure Green's septic field, there is a lot more in and out traffic which only adds to the odor escaping.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**a)** Planning Commission board vacancy due to Barbara Lubarda's passing. No replacement suggestions at this time.

**b)** **New/Current Issues, Plans and Projects for 2024:** Clerk Oxley stated he put this item on the agenda for input from the commission members. Planning commission to consider the topic for future meeting.

Art Gallop inquired about re-zoning property on the North side of Booth Road (across from 2760 Booth), which should be Lake/Shore Residential as is the rest of the properties. It would not affect the resident but would insure Lakeshore compliance in the future.

Oxley reported the status of the Zoning Ordinance update, and the lengthy procedure to get it adopted.

**BOARD COMMENT:** Jesse thanked the board members for all the work they (and he) had done on the Zoning Ordinance over several months in 2023. Patricia Tremble asked about a phone number for Delta One property owners (2416 E. Huron).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The Planning Commission's 2nd Quarterly meeting to be held on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 9:00am

**ADJOURNMENT:** TIME – 9:50am. Motion made by Tremble to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. One Absent (one vacancy). Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved at the Planning Commission Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

Jesse Young, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Michael Oxley, Clerk \_\_\_\_\_