

**NELSON TOWNSHIP**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
Nelson Township Municipal Building  
2 Maple Street  
Sand Lake, Michigan 49343  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Minutes**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman McKown.

**Commissioners Present:** McKown, Mahoney, Stolk, Wier, Wall, Litwinchuk, Covell.

**Also, Present:** Township Supervisor Britton, Township Attorney Ross Leisman, Zoning Administrator Gross, and the Township residents who signed the attendance sheet attached to these minutes.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wier moved to approve, Seconded by Wall, Yes – 7

**Approval of Minutes:** Wall asked for a correction on a comment he had made, changing it to read “Commissioner Wall made a motion to set a public hearing for prohibition of marihuana facilities and establishments. Wier moved to approve the minutes as amended, Stolk seconded. Yes – 7

**Appointment of Planning Commission Members:**

Stolk nominated McKown for Chairman, seconded by Wier, yes – 7

Wier nominated Stolk for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Wall, yes – 7

Wall nominated Mahoney for Secretary, seconded by Litwinchuk, yes – 7

**New Business:**

(Commissioner Wall recused himself from the meeting and took a seat in the audience).

A. Renew Mining permits for 17360 Shaner Avenue and 6664 Pringle, 41-03-04-300-007 and 41-03-04-300-004, owned by Dean’s excavating.

Zoning Administrator Gross stated there have been no complaints and that the Pringle location was close to being closed.

Zach Wall stated that the Pringle mine site has been closed out.

The Planning Commission approved the renewal for 3 years on both mine sites.

(Commissioner Wall resumed his seat on the board).

**B.** Ordinance prohibiting Marihuana Facilities and Establishments.

Chairman McKown opened the Public Hearing at 7:12pm and closed it at 7:13pm.

Chairman McKown asked if there was an economic benefit for the Township with this ordinance.

Attorney Leisman stated that there would be licensing fees.

Commissioner Wier stated his concern for the children that may get a hold of marihuana or its byproducts. Wier asked if they could add to the ordinance, to prohibit the sale of any and all products that contain THC obtained from the processing of marihuana or cannabis.

Attorney Leisman will check the State laws and stated that it could always be added later.

Chairman McKown asked for a motion to recommend the Township Board adopt the "Prohibition of Marihuana Facilities and Establishments" Ordinance.

Wall made a motion, seconded by Stolk, yes – all

**Unfinished Business:**

Resolution approving a Special Land Use for Wireless Communication Tower and Antennas, located at 15920 Northland Drive, NE.

Commissioners Wall and Wier stated their appreciation of the effort of Faulk & Foster to bring this site into compliance with the township ordinances.

Chairman McKown asked what the 100-gallon propane tank was for, Faulk and Foster stated it was for the backup generator.

Commissioner Wall would like the letter from Sabre Industries to be included with the SPU permit.

The Planning Commission discussed the changes to the previously distributed resolution to include:

- a. approving the 192' foot height instead of 190'
- b. approve the 125' set back based on the environmental reasons and add the January 3, 2019 letter from Sabre Industries.
- c. approve a waiver for landscaping requirements due to natural vegetation and location of tower.
- d. establish a bond in the amount of \$20,000.00

e. change the date on the site development plan from August 1, 2018 to January 10, 2019.

Chairman McKown asked for approval of the Special Land Use for Wireless Communication Tower and Antennas, located at 15920 Northland Drive, NE.

Commissioner Wier made a motion, Wall supported, yes – 7

**Extended Public Comment:**

Zoning Administrator Gross mentioned the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, concerning High Grade.

Commissioner Wier asked for copies of all new ordinances for 2018.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Mahoney, with support from Stolk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.

Next Planning Commission meeting, March 20, 2019