

**TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY  
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 13, 2017**

**START TIME 7:30 PM**

The regularly scheduled public meeting of the Salisbury Township Planning Commission commenced at the Township Municipal Building located at 2900 South Pike Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Charles Beck called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Glenn Miller

William Licht

Richard Schreiter

James Brown

Richard Hassick

Stephen McKitish, Vice-Chairman

Charles Beck, Chairman

John Ashley, Township Solicitor

David Tettemer, Township Engineer

Cynthia Sopka, Director of Planning and Zoning

**Public Meeting regarding a review of the Draft Zoning Ordinance Amending Chapter 27 of the Salisbury Township Zoning Ordinance providing for the regulation of Medical Marijuana Facilities.**

Ms. Sopka stated that they followed the path that came from the state itself and we are following the states template. The proposed amendment will be submitted to the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC). This zoning amendment is to regulate medical marijuana facilities. It is expected it will take 30 to 40 days for the LVPC to review the Township's amendment and will then be reviewed again by the Planning Commission. At that time it will be available for public review. After all reviews are completed a vote to recommend if for approval or not will go to the Board of Commissioners.

The amendment to Chapter 27 would allow academic clinical research centers, medical marijuana grower-processors, medical marijuana transport vehicle offices and dispensaries which must be located in a commercial and industrial district in the township. The amendment also states: caregiver, certified medical use, form of medical marijuana identification card issued in the state of Pennsylvania by the Department of Health and registry.

Ms. Sopka stated that this is a seven page draft and LVPC will make adjustments if necessary. Mr. Tettemer reviewed it and made some changes to parking. Both the township engineer and township

solicitor have reviewed the amendment and it is based on an ordinance proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health which regulates and licenses medical marijuana facilities.

Ms. Sopka stated it is extremely in-depth. The definition is very site specific as to placement would have to go into either a commercial or industrial district as there are street and location boundaries of placements.

**On motion of Mr. McKitish, seconded by Mr. Schreiter, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to make a move to submit the seven page amendment under the Salisbury Township Ordinance Chapter 27 providing the regulation of the Medical Marijuana Facilities to the Lehigh County Planning Commission for review. All in favor.**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**On motion of Mr. McKitish, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to approve the April 11, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. All in favor.**

#### **2860 LINDBERG AVE., ALLENTOWN, PA 18103**

Review the Preliminary Plan of the proposed Minor Subdivision and Lot Consolidation Plan between 2860 Lindberg Avenue and Salisbury Township has been **withdrawn**.

#### **Review of the Salisbury Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) for recommendation of approval.**

Mr. Tettemer recommended that there is different way that the SALDO can be re-written. Mr. Tettemer stated it would be wise that the Planning Commission take a little time and re-look at the SALDO and set it up for the next 10-12 years. He stated that the design criteria have changed.

Mr. McKitish stated that they should deal with the technicalities and the format should be reviewed after. Mr. Tettemer and Ms. Sopka stated that they are progressing under this format and there are a lot of technologies that are advancing and there is no definition to it. Technologies need to be defined.

Ms. Sopka stated that she wanted to provide the information to each member and the next time they meet, Mr. Tettemer asked that comments be addressed which will give him time to work on Part 10 where there are a lot of technical things and he can explain them. Mr. Tettemer stated that there are areas that need to be stream lined and dealing with variances and subdivisions as well.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**On motion of Mr. Schreiter, seconded by Mr. Brown, the Planning Commission voted to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.**