

# Grant Township Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes  
November 16, 2017

## Opening

The Grant Township Planning Commission was called to order by Diana Ludlow, chairperson, at 7:10 pm. on November 16, 2017. Minutes were read by Diana Ludlow. Edie made a motion to approve the minutes from October, seconded by Laura. All in favor and the motion passed.

## Present

Laura R Irwin, Diana Ludlow, Edith Elsenheimer, Pam Hawley and Tim Martis

**Absent:** 2 – open positions on the board at this time

## Purpose

- Kim Martens provided an overview of the request made by ‘R Farm’ market. In speaking with the USDA inspector, Kathy Martin who was unaware that the stand would be manned, Kim was informed that the market would then need to have restrooms. Anything in the store would need to be inspected including syrup, honey, eggs, etc. Licensing would be similar to that of a regular grocery store.
- The Robeck’s have decided to operate out of their garage vs. building a stand at this time which would require a change of use permit.
- After speaking with the building inspector as this may qualify under a home occupation. 5% of sale items can be produced off site (not on this farm)
- The inspector does consider this commercial and will require a building blueprint.
- The board will be able to grant home occupation and change of use, the county would decide if commercial would be allowed in residential.
- There have now been inquiries on barn venues within the township and questions on marijuana regulations. At this time the board has not made any decisions and is waiting on guidance from the state.
  - There are many items to look at regarding licensing; separate areas including Grow/Transport; Dispensary; Caregivers and edible licenses.
  - Many townships have not opted in or out as the state has not yet made any decisions on approval

Mike Toth from Green Energy was unable to make this meeting and will attend the next scheduled meeting on December 21, 2017.

Kim discussed the Williams and Works Agricultural Tourism questionnaire given to all PC members to review at the last meeting. There are questions regarding Churches, schools and Government offices and exemptions. Also, clarification is needed re: alcohol licensing.

### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Edie at 8:22 pm and seconded by Laura. The next tentatively scheduled meeting will be held on December 21, 2017 at 7 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gladys VeltKamp, Clerk