

**Palmyra Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Jim Isley at the Palmyra Community Room.

Members present: Jim Isley, Matt Koester, Christine Whited, Perry Pooley, and Steve Papenhagen

Members absent: None

Audience attendance: 6

Motion Pooley, support Koester to approve the agenda as written. *Motion carried.*

The Special Meeting notice was properly posted.

**Public Comment:**

- Jim Leonard communicated the Planning Commission's concerns about the changes being made to the proposed Zoning Ordinance.
- Dave Pixley reported that the Planning Commission had opted out of writing a Medical Marijuana ordinance until the Township Board directs them to do so.
- Vivian Pell discussed the various methods that define the distribution of Medical Marijuana.

**Communications:** Supervisor Isley read to the Board a letter written by Linda Marvin expressing her concern over the removal of cemetery decorations from headstones.

**New Business:**

- Motion Isley, support Papenhagen to allow Supervisor Isley to contact Fred Lucas of Lucas Law to draft a letter to the Michigan State Tax Commission. *Motion carried.*
- Motion Isley, support Papenhagen to reduce the liability insurance coverage, which is required for the contractor to trim the trees/brush in the Crane Cemetery, to \$500,000. *Motion carried.*
- Motion Isley, support Papenhagen to assign the Planning Commission the duty of writing a section on Medical Marijuana for the Zoning Ordinance. **Roll call vote:** Whited – No, Papenhagen – No, Isley – No, Pooley – No, Koester – No. *Motion failed*
- Review of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance:
  - Motion Isley, support Papenhagen to place the new "Area, Height, Bulk, and Placement Requirements" chart in Section 4.09. *Motion carried.*
  - **Section 4.03.2, Part B:** By general consent, change to "Home Occupation in accordance with Section 8.24."
  - **Section 4.03.3:** By general consent, strike Part B.
  - **Section 4.01.2, Part J:** By general consent, strike "Adult Foster Care Small Group Homes (serving six (6) or less adults)" and strike "and Child Foster Family Group Homes."
  - **Section 4.01.3, Part U:** By general consent, add "Child Foster Family Group Homes."
  - **Section 4.01.3:** By general consent, strike Part T and move to 4.01.2, Part D.
  - For all Districts that apply – Agricultural, Agricultural/Residential, Mobile Home, and Village District – change all Foster Family Homes in Permitted Uses as "Adult Foster Care Family Homes and Child Foster Family Homes in accordance with Section 8.02"; change

all Foster Group Homes in Special Land Uses to “Adult Foster Care Small Group Homes, Adult Foster Care Large Group Homes, and Child Foster Family Group Homes in accordance with Section 8.03”; change all “Home Instruction of the Arts” to “Home Occupation”; remove all size references to “Group Homes.”

- Motion Isley, support Koester to approve all general consent changes that have been made during this meeting. *Motion carried.*

Supervisor Isley calls for a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Motion Papenhagen, support Koester to adjourn at 9.02 pm. *Motion carried.*