

Marilla Planning Commission Meeting and Public Hearing

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 6:30

Call to order: Chair, Mike Picchiotti

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Pat Ellis, Jan Thomas, Mike Picchiotti,

Absent: Janet Howes (due to resignation)

Guests: Rob Bacigalupi (planning consultant), Phyllis Cholette, and William Mathes

Approval of February 9, 2022 minutes: Mike (1), Pat (2), motion carried.

Guest presentation: William Mathes gave a detailed description of a licensed recreational marijuana grow facility that he hopes to construct and operate in Marilla Township. He explained the type of facility, the process including use of reclaimed water, the class of operation, number of employees, and other pertinent information. He answered any questions regarding the operation of the business.

The regular business portion of this meeting was forgone at 6:40 in order to conduct the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing

Purpose of hearing: Rob Bacigalupi stated the purpose of the public hearing of the proposed amendment changes to the Marilla Zoning Ordinance as follows:

*Clerk will assign numbers to each amendment.

- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, align subdivision, condominium, and lot split development regulations.
- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, amending the table of uses to acknowledge the FR (forest) zone.
- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, amending non-conforming uses, buildings & structures regulations.

- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, amending sign regulations.
- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, to remove the minimum residential drive length requirement.
- An ordinance to amend zoning ordinance #---, to remove junk and blight provisions (they already exist in a “stand alone” ordinance).

*For a detailed accounting of the changes, see attached description.

There were no public comments given. Therefore this public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:45: Mike (1), Pat (2), carried.

The regular meeting proceeded. The following issues were addressed:

- It was determined that emphasis would be given to enforcement of the blight ordinance in following meetings.
- We set the calendar for the year as follows: June 8, Sept. 14, Dec. 14, and March 8, 2023. All meetings will fall on Wednesday.

We will now recommend the ordinance amendments to the Township Board who will then pass them to the county for review. When that is accomplished, the Township Board then will give final approval of the proposed amendments.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00: Mike (1), Jan (2); motion carried

Respectively submitted,

Janice R. Thomas