TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Torch Lake Township

Combined meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board,

Planning Commission and Zoning Board

Community Service Building

**Draft Minutes**

May 9, 2017

**Present:**    ZBA Members: Barr, Jakubiak, Spencer, Cook & Bretz (also representing PC)

        PC Members:    Goossen, Shoemaker, Kulka, Jorgensen, Graber

        Board Members: Martel, Schultz, Windiate, Petersen (also representing PC)

**Absent:**    ZBA Members absent: Sumerix, Houghton

        PC Members absent: None

        Board Members absent: Shoenherr

**Others:**    Vey, Grobbel

**Audience:**    Spencer, Sheriff Bean, Under Sheriff Pratt, Barb Seaberry, Lee Scott and 5 others

1.    **Call to Order Meeting:**

    Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Martel

Chris Grobbel presented to the group an informational video he prepared concerning the changes in the Medical Marijuana Act (MMA) laws and how they may affect the township.  The presentation lasted approximately 40 minutes.  The presentation was followed up by a question and answer session in which members of the audience and boards alike were involved.  Opinion and other comments were made by Barb Seaberry and Lee Scott from the audience, as well as by Goossen, Spencer, Martel, Kulka, Bretz, Schultz, Martel and Petersen.

Facts reported by Grobbel after the presentation were:

\*\*If TLT does not elect to change the pre-existing ordinance and or add new ordinances due to new MMA laws, it will be considered “opting out’ and  ER and Milton Townships have decided to “opt out”.

\*\*The new laws do NOT affect the current ordinance.  The township’s actions in the matter of adding and or changing ordinances as a result of the new MMA laws does NOT affect the current ordinance.  These are TWO separate issues.

\*\*The decision to revise and or add new ordinances OR do nothing and “opt out” is ultimately the board’s decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm after Martel asked for any final public comment.

The video presentation will be made available for viewing on the Torch Lake Township website and will continue to be discussed by the board.