



# GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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## Galien Township Planning Commission Public Hearing April 16, 2018 6pm @ Galien Township Office Minutes

The hearing was called to order at 6pm

**Roll Call:** Present- C. Lorance, L. James, J. Richter, J. Rochman. Absent- C. Carr

J. Richter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. Richter read the Public Hearing Policy to the meeting attendees.

Exclusive Healing made their presentation (see attached)

### **Public Comments:**

**Eric James:** Eric is from Grand Rapids and is Exclusive Healings insurance agent. He wanted everyone to know that Exclusive Healing is being compliant with safety and security requirements and is in good standing.

**Savannah Devries:** Pardee Road. Savannah questioned what would happen to their property values. She also asked who would be monitoring the facilities and enforcing the rules.

**Rodney Strefling:** Pardee Road. Rodney said this needs to stop being referred to as AG when it is pharmaceutical. He thinks these facilities will be bad for the community and said once they are here we will have no way to fight them. He also doesn't have faith in the state doing the enforcements.

**Gary Lozmack:** Buffalo Road since 1973. Gary is concerned about the septic system on the Pardee Road property. He also asked how many employees they intended to have. He stated that he is downhill from the proposed site and everything drains towards his property. He asked if a residential septic system could support this type of business.

**Ina Carr:** Buffalo Road for 37 years. She is in opposition of all the proposed facilities. She stated that she heard a lot of shouldn't and no guarantees. She stated that no one seems to know how much revenue this would actually bring into the township.

**Barb Truman**: Corner of 12 and Rickerman. She questioned who on the board gets to vote. Just the PC or the township board as well. She stated that she didn't think it was appropriate for someone on the PC to get a vote when they stated they are a regular medical marihuana user.

**Ted Strefling**: Second St. Ted asked how many growers have applied. He said the board and PC have not done their homework. He wants to see some research.

**Karl Strefling**: Karl also wants to see research. He wants to know what we did for 18 months. Karl doesn't trust the state to do what they say they will do in regards to enforcement. He does not want these facilities here.

**Devin Loker**: Devin said these facilities will bring jobs and thanked the PC and Board for their work on this project.

**Joe Dickman**: Joe asked about Smith Road. Joe also asked about whom will be transporting this product and wondered if anyone had applied for a transport license.

**Jennifer Zona**: Berrien Springs. Jennifer is in full support of these facilities. She suffers from PTSD, depression and anxiety and currently has to drive to Kalamazoo to a provisioning center. She said when she drove into Galien it was sad that there is nothing here and hopes these businesses could help revive the town.

**Nick Young**: Galien-Buchanan Rd. Nick asked how big the facilities would get. He wanted to know the process for expansion.

**Julie Redding**: East Second St. Julie asked why there wasn't more notification. She asked when the vote would happen. Julie also questioned whether the residents are really being heard.

J. Richter shared letters submitted for review (see attached).

Exclusive Healing indicated that they have applied for the smallest license and with that being such a huge undertaking, they have no plans to expand. They also responded to some of the other questions and concerns raised during public comments.

Public Comments were closed at 7:14pm

C. Lorange asked the following:

- Fencing? Over 6ft and lined with chain link
- Building construction? Cinder block with a steel roof
- Waste disposal? Waste will be hauled away by a certified hauler
- External lights? No external lights will be used
- Air filtration? Carbon filters will be used as they are now
- Signage? There will be no signage
- How close to nearest neighbor? EH will check and let us know
- How tall is building? The building is less than 25 feet
- Restrooms? Information is contained in the packet. They expect to have 5 employees

J. Rochman asked the following:

Parking lot? The parking lot is behind the fence and will be ADA compliant.

C. Lorange made a motion to adjourn the hearing. J. Rochman supported. Motion carried. No nays

The public hearing was adjourned at 7:19pm