



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Galien Township Planning Commission Public Hearing April 16, 2018 8pm @ Galien Township Office Minutes

The hearing was called to order at 8pm

Roll Call: Present- C. Lorance, L. James, J. Richter, J. Rochman, C. Carr. Absent- None

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:

Todd Strefling: Pardee Road. Asked if signatures could be collected to take this to a vote. Rodney thinks the US 12 corridor shows what the town is and doesn't want it to be full of medical marihuana facilities.

Barb Truman: Corner of US 12/Rickerman. Barb said that it isn't fair that the public has to follow guidelines and the board doesn't. She said she had to wait 2 weeks for a FOIA request to be completed. She reminded everyone that the medical marihuana laws are breaking federal law.

Eric James: Green State Insurance. Eric said he feels that Exclusive Healing is very clear with their business plan and will do a great job.

Savannah Devries: Savannah asked if the township has discussed extra patrolling with the county or state police. She wondered what the maximum number of facilities we would allow is. She has safety concerns for her property and her family and asked if employees of these facilities would be made to have background checks.

Karl Strefling: Elm Valley Road. He stated that the owner of the Smith Road property is never there but does employee people to keep the property looking nice in his absence. He stated that Zev Solomon is not a community guy as he said in the presentation. Karl is concerned about his friends and neighbors and most importantly his family. He wants peace and quiet and what is good for this town. He said he also realizes we need revenue from somewhere but doesn't feel this is the place to get it. He just wants what is best for this community and apologized for being so harsh.

Paula Dickman: Nye Road. Her mother owns 100 acres across US 12 from proposed location. She said the vandalism that happens is terrible and would like to see these new businesses because she thinks that will decrease the crime on the property. Paula feels these facilities are a good thing and is grateful they are coming.

Ina Carr: Buffalo Road. Ina reminded the PC that Sheriff Bailey asked the board and PC to opt out. She feels crime will increase and there will be additional taxes to pay for more police officers.

Rick Southwood: Smith Road. Rick thinks that the township did a very poor job notifying the residents about this. He is very opposed to the commercial cultivation facilities. Rick said he did a lot of research that shows crime will increase near these businesses. Rick mentioned that there are 9 kids living within 1000 feet of the proposed location. He is concerned about noise, odor and water pollution.

Devin Loker: Thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He feels there is more support for this but thinks that people are afraid to speak about it.

Ted Streffling: Asked if we are listening to the residents and thinks, we tried to slide this under the rug.

Joe Dickman: Nye Road. Joe said he spoke to most of his neighbors and they are in favor of this but not in attendance. He thinks the PC is doing a good job with trying to regulate this. Joe also said he thinks the seed to sale tracking will be very effective for regulation of the product.

Gary Lozmack: Buffalo Road. Gary asked if someone is denied for a license if they can continue to be a caregiver.

Jennifer Zona: Berrien Springs. Jennifer is in support of these businesses. She hopes they bring jobs to the community. She is looking forward to the November vote.

Doug Legault: Doug asked how large the facility would be. He also refereed to section 3.13 and feels that they did not pass.

J. Richter read a letter (see attached).

Public Comments were closed at 8:51pm

Exclusive Healing responded to the questions and concerns raised during public comments.

C. Lorange asked the following questions:

What type of building? A code compliant building would be constructed.

Roof? The roof would be transparent with black out panels

Fencing? There would be fencing with landscaping to hide the building

New location? Thinks the facility would be a better fit on the south end of the property

Waste and water disposal? Nothing will be dumped.

Exterior lighting? All lighting would be downward lighting

Signage? There would be a sign with the address

How close to nearest house? About 200 feet

Restrooms? Would be ADA compliant

Building height? Less than 25 feet

C. Carr asked the following questions:

What type of building? The plans are not complete but it will be a permanent structure designed by a Michigan licensed architect.

Would there be an engineer hired to handle water run off? Yes

Parking & Driveway? They would like gravel if it complies with the ordinance

Wastewater? There will be storage tanks for wastewater

Restrooms? There will be a regular septic system for the restrooms

What type of processing? They would like to do ethanol processing

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

The hearing was adjourned at 9:20pm