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Galien Township Planning Commission Public Hearing April 23, 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

Travis Copenhaver from the Cannabis Legal Group gave the presentation for McCoy Creek Naturals (see attached)

Public Comments:

Doug Hurd: US 12. Doug asked what the active ingredient was in this product. He also mentioned that opioids are highly regulated and are still a big problem. Doug feels allowing this type of business would only add to the problem, not help. Doug is against this facility.

Craig Manning: Adams Rd. Craig asked if they would be running 24/7. If so, it would not be peaceful. Craig is concerned with the increased traffic on the dirt road and all the dust it would create. He feels the road would need to be paved to support a business like this to support the increased traffic.

Ray Campbell: US 12. Thinks this should be on US 12 not a dirt road. He also doesn't think that much land is needed for such a small business. He said we don't need this type of business here.

Rachel: US 12. Rachel asked what an expansion of this business would look like. She also asked how someone would explain this business to their children.

DJ Hurd: US 12/Adams Rd. Security is a big concern for him. He thinks that the facility would be secure but wonders who would secure his home. He thinks these facilities are too easy to find and present a big security problem. DJ believes they have good intentions but they are in the wrong area.

Dan Lausch: Adams Rd. Dan asked about exterior lighting. He asked what kind of odor would be coming out of the building. Dan also asked about their security. Dan also thinks the dirt road can't handle the increased traffic. He also wondered about the trucks coming in and out when frost laws are in effect. He also asked about how much electricity the facility would use.

Barbara Manning: Adams Rd. Barbara mentioned the murder of a doctor last summer in South Bend over a disagreement about opioids and doesn't want those types of people coming into her neighborhood. She is also concerned about the dirt road and the possibility of the facility expanding. She also asked about lighting because she lives in a quiet neighborhood and wants to keep it that way. They came from Chicago to get away from all the noise. Barbara does not want this type of neighbor.

Joe Chase: US 12. Joe agrees with what all the other speakers have said. He lives in the country to live in the country and doesn't want a factory in his neighborhood. Joe said the township grants permits and then they change and the applicants do whatever they want. He asked what happens if they try to expand and break the terms of the permit like Renegade Lake did, because they are now a gravel pit. He wants peace and quiet they live in a residential area not industrial. NIMBY.

Marion Hurd: US 12. Marion works for the Buchanan school system. She said it's not fair for a child to have this in their backyard. She doesn't want this for her grandkids or anyone else's children. It's not fair to them.

Savannah Devries: Pardee Rd. The facility proposed near her is huge and comparable to Walmart and she feels she will end up living in the center of the medical marihuana mile. She is afraid of what this will bring to the community and suggested that we start small with 1 permit not 8. She thinks this is a scary place to be and is concerned that if she decides to leave she won't be able to sell her house.

Barb Campbell: US 12. She stated that Galien doesn't have a school anymore and we are all living in a sad world. She said they live in a safe neighborhood now with no break ins but that will change if the facility opens. She thinks this will bring bad people and the location makes no sense. NIMBY. This will bring nothing but trouble and doesn't want to see it in her neighborhood.

Barb Truman: US 12/Rickerman. Barb said these 8 licenses are just the beginning. Not the end.

Bruce Williams: Olive Branch Rd. Bruce said the township board never said we would issue more permits but that we would be reviewing the ordinance once a year. He reminded everyone that this is medical and not recreational.

Paula Dickman: Nye Rd. Paula has lived here her whole life and has seen vandalism happening for years. Vandals burned down her father's grain elevator. The break ins are happening and we do not live in a perfect little town. The crime is already here.

Todd Strefling: Second St. Todd asked who would be responsible for taking care of these businesses if the owners went bankrupt.

Jim Tumbleson: Gardner Rd. Jim asked what benefits would come to the township from these businesses. He questioned why they need a 3ft berm. He also asked what the growing cycle was for the plants.

Josh Knuth: US 12, east of property. Josh said this product is illegal and asked where all of the illegal money goes from the facilities. He thinks we are opening a big can of worms.

Ina Carr: Buffalo Rd. Ina said at the earlier meetings the township didn't listen to the residents and now the decision has been made and nothing can be done. She feels that she was given incorrect information

about having a vote on the issue. She thinks that this will be horrible for the community. She also doesn't like that everyone won't release the names of their investors. She thinks the township and the township attorney owe her an apology for the incident that happened over the summer at the board meeting.

Public Comments were closed at 8:57pm

C. Lorance asked the following questions:

1. Will the building be a permanent structure? Yes, it will have 2 doors and no windows.
2. Fencing: 8ft with minimal impact to the neighbors with landscaping in front of the fence.
3. Will there be any waste? There will be more waste from the office than the processing itself. Any solid waste would be rendered unusable and they would like to compost with it.
4. Lighting? Minimal lighting with security cameras.
5. Air Filtration? They will have 2 carbon air filtration systems. They will not have odor anywhere, even in their offices. The filters will all be inside and no odors would leave the building.
6. Signage? They would have an address sign.
7. Building height? It would be a single story building less than 25 ft.

C. Carr asked the following questions:

1. Waste disposal? They would like to compost if we allow it. The other option is to contain it and have it hauled away by a 3rd party.

J. Rochman asked the following questions:

1. Would they be willing to help with road maintenance and dust? They would do what was needed.

J. Richter asked the following questions:

1. Lighting? They would use motion censored if allowed by the state.

L. James asked the following questions:

1. How much traffic would be coming in and out? A couple times a week not daily.

C. Carr made a motion to adjourn the hearing. C. Lorance supported. Motion carried. No nays

The hearing was adjourned at 9:18pm