



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Galien Township Planning Commission Public Hearing April 23, 2018 6pm @ Galien Township Office Minutes

The hearing was called to order at 6:01

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

J. Richter led the Pledge of Allegiance

Med Farm of Michigan made their presentation (see attached)

Public Comments:

Savannah Devries: Pardee Rd. Savannah is an oncology nurse and lives .6 miles from the proposed site. She is not sure what these types of businesses will do to her home. She is in the center of several proposed facilities and is scared for herself as well as her family.

Robert Devries: Robert asked if the land was being purchased or leased. He also asked if they would begin construction before purchasing the land.

Dan Milsk: Pardee Rd. Dan said he felt it would be unfair for 1 applicant to receive all the available licenses.

Barb Truman: US 12/Rickerman. Barb asked if Michigan goes recreational if all of the facilities would be able to switch to recreational without a hearing or asking for permission.

Michelle Knuth: Michelle wanted to know what the proposed facilities would do to property values.

Nick Young: Galien/Buchanan Rd. Nick asked what the timeline was for the facility if approved.

Gary Lozmack: Buffalo Rd. Gary questioned how we had property value studies if there weren't any facilities in Michigan.

Ina Carr: Buffalo Rd. Ina asked how medical marihuana was helping anyone. Opioids are still out of control. Ina also asked who would be handling the problems we would have when the tent cities start popping up near these facilities.

Rodney Strefling: Pardee Rd. Rodney thinks this plan is ridiculous and too large. He asked who the investors were.

Karl Strefling: Elm Valley Rd. Karl asked who currently owns the property.

Joe Dickman: Nye Rd. Joe questioned why so many licenses. That is a lot of plants. If they are not granted all the licenses they have applied for will they downsize their site plan?

Todd Strefling: Second St. Todd is opposed to all the facilities so close to anyone's homes.

Public Comments were closed at 6:36pm

C. Lorange asked the following questions:

1. Greenhouses? They want to use natural sunlight with black out panels and fans.
2. Building style? All steel construction with metal roof.
3. Fencing? 8 feet with barb wire. The fences would not be see through around the greenhouses.
4. Main building? All steel construction
5. Water and solid waste disposal? Solid waste would be tanked and transported off site by a 3rd party carrier. Water waste would also be tanked, tested, and reused when possible.
6. Berm and landscaping? They will have at minimum a 3ft berm with trees.
7. Exterior lighting? All lighting would be downward facing with motion sensors and security cameras.
8. Air filtration? They will use carbon air filters.
9. Signage? They plan to have an address sign.
10. Security? 12 hours a day to start and once they are fully operational it will be 24/7.

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

The hearing was closed at 6:54pm