



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Galien Township Planning Commission Special Meeting October 23, 2017 7:30pm @ Galien American Legion Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm

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

Agenda: C. Lorance made a motion to approve the agenda with changing the public comment time from 5 to 3 minutes. J. Rochman supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Visitors Comments: Shane Clanton read a speech in favor of the MM facilities and thanked the PC for their efforts.

Jeffrey Hank thanked the PC for their work and reminded us of the looming date of December 15, 2017. He urged that we vote on the proposed MM ordinances soon.

Kim Schmitz reminded us we still do not have all the information from the State and asked that we remember to look at the infrastructure.

Dan Milsk stated that he has been a resident of the Township for 7 years and thanked the PC for their work on the MM ordinances. He also mentioned that neither the State nor the Township receive any tax revenues from the current patient caregiver laws.

Updates:

Medical Marihuana:

C. Lorance provided a copy of the proposed MM Zoning Ordinance with several notes (see attached). C. Lorance also proposed the creation of a new district on US 12 beginning at Pardee Road and ending at Avery Road for the MM facilities (see attached map). If the PC decides to move ahead with the rezoning, the current applicants who are not located within the new district would still have a public hearing and be eligible for a conditional rezone if they meet the requirements. After much discussion, L. James suggested we get a map for the 11-6-17 meeting showing the houses along the proposed area.

Visitors Comments: Steve Schmitz discussed only allowing certain MM facilities in the proposed new zone. He also mentioned he felt that processing did not fall under the Right to Farm Act.

Kim Schmitz stated that we need to remember that MM is a mind-altering drug and it isn't just a plant once it is processed, it's not like growing corn.

Toni Clanton explained that some processing can be as simple as trimming the plants with scissors.

Dan Milsk asked why we would consider a rezone of an area where no one has applied for a license. He also asked who owns the property that we are considering.

Adam Cauffman stated that with the proper carbon filters there would be no smell while processing.

Jeffrey Hank feels we should look at each applicant on a case-by-case basis and not box them out with the proposed rezone.

Gary Lozmack asked for clarification of which properties we were considering for the rezone.

Steve Radcliff asked if any land not directly bordering US 12 was being considered.

Mark Harrington asked if there was a required set back from the railroad tracks.

Carie O'Donnell feels the MM process should be open to everyone is thinks that the rezone is unfair to some applicants.

Our next regular meeting is November 6, 2017 7:30pm at the Galien Township Office

C. Lorange made a motion to adjourn the meeting. C. Carr supported. Motion carried. No nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm