



GALIEN TOWNSHIP

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Galien Township Planning Commission Public Hearing April 25, 2018 8pm @ Galien Township Office Minutes

The hearing was called to order at 8pm

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

J. Richter led the Pledge of Allegiance

Southwest Michigan Cultivators gave their presentation.

Public Comments:

Jim Tumbleson: Gardner Rd. Jim read a letter he had written and submitted a petition signed by 58 people in opposition to the facility (see attached). Mr. Tumbleson also showed some pictures of flooding that happened on the proposed property.

Mark Tumbleson: Buchanan. Mark finished reading the letter for his dad. Mark is opposed to the application. Mark wants to know how the township plans to police these businesses. How much damage will be done to the road during the construction phase of this facility? Who would enforce air quality issues? He thinks the township doesn't have enough manpower to police these facilities. The risk is not worth the benefit.

Ina Carr: Buffalo Rd. Ina informed everyone that the industrial park can't be used to house these facilities because the Village voted no. She is opposed to the medical marihuana facilities and reminded everyone who was opposed to speak up and be heard.

Tammy Sliger: Gardner Rd. Tammy said the flooding from the pictures is a regular occurrence. She feels the new construction would damage her property and would change the dynamic of the neighborhood. She also feels that the State of Michigan doesn't have the money to monitor the facilities. She is concerned about the security and wonders why someone can't bring a legitimate business to this town. She is opposed to the applications.

Nick Sliger: Gardner Rd. Nick is opposed to the application.

Bruce Berget: Second St. Bruce thinks the property is a terrible place to put any business. There are 12 homes within 1000 feet. He said he had never met the property owners and that they have no concern for the township or the residents. They only want money and don't care about their neighbors.

Kate Westveer: Second St. She told the applicants they failed by not getting the survey done because then they would have known that the neighbors do not want this. Kate is totally against the applications.

Mike Warman: Galien-Buchanan Rd. Mike is against the applications. He referenced Section 3.13 and asked what would happen if property values go down. He thinks that odor will be a big issue and it will be the neighbors dealing with it every day.

Savannah Devries: Pardee Rd. Savannah showed her map again. She said she has done a lot of research and home values fell 8% in Colorado near these facilities. She said when the landfill went into Three Oaks the neighbors filed a class action suit and got a settlement for the decrease in their property values.

Karl Strefling: Elm Valley Rd. Galien doesn't need to be part of this venture. Prisons can't even control drugs getting in. How can we control this? He feels the township can't offer assurances that this will be controlled. The Village didn't want it and wonders how a vote would go. Why wasn't this publicized better? Someone didn't do their job.

Dennis Barker: Gardner Rd. What about security. How will law enforcement be handled? Dennis moved here to get away from crime.

Todd Strefling: Second St. Todd is opposed to the applications. He is opposed to the lights, odor and security issues. He thinks that the applicants are only worried about themselves. He is opposed to this anywhere in the township.

Ted Strefling: Second St. Opposed to all of it. He is especially opposed to this applicant because it is so close to his home. He said not to bring trash here.

Diane Beadles: US 12. Diane has concerns about her property and is also opposed.

Barb Truman: US 12/Rickerman Rd. Opposed to all the medical marijuana SUP applications.

Public comments were closed at 9:02pm

C. Lorange asked the following questions:

1. Fencing? Rod iron and very secure. They want to blend in.
2. Building construction? Steel construction pole barn style. The greenhouse would have a clear roof with blackout panels.
3. Water and solid waste disposal? Water waste would be disposed of like any other AG use. They want to have a system to capture and reuse as much as possible. Solid waste would be hauled away by a 3rd party.
4. Landscape and berm? A berm would be used along with organic fruit trees
5. Exterior lighting? Lighting would be a minimal as possible.
6. Air filtration? They plan to use carbon air filters.

7. Signage? Only an address sign
8. How close would the facility be to the nearest home? 200 feet
9. Building height? Less than 25 feet

C. Carr asked the following questions:

1. How large is the parcel? 7.5 acres

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

The hearing was adjourned at 9:26pm