

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2017

Present: D. Ferguson, M. George, K. Karn, J. Glassman, L. William

Absent: None

Visitors: Marc Layman, Michelle Duffy, Mr. Mike Duffy, Shawn Foster, Village Clerk

Motion: by K. Karn to proceed with the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance that is on the agenda, Second by L. William, All Ayes, motion carried.

Planning Commission vote by roll call for the Medical Marihuana Facilities Ordinance:

Yea's: D. Ferguson, K. Karn, M. George, J. Glassman

Nays: L. Williams

Visitor Discussion: M. Duffy had concerns regarding meeting & hearing notices and wanted to know why there was no notice of the Public Hearing in her Utility Bill. It was explained that the Community Notices are typed up to be inserted into the UB's the first week of the month so they are ready to be inserted in the UB's that are usually ran on the 11th of the month since the last day to pay the utility billings without penalties is the 10th of the month, everything is mailed out between the 11 -13 of the month depending on where the 10th falls. The Regular Council Meeting is the 3rd Monday of the month. It was decided at the last Regular Council Meeting to have the Planning Commission hold a public hearing so there was no way for us to get that info into the UB's that had been mailed out previously, by law the Village only needs to notify of the Public Hearing 18 hours in advance. The notice of the Public Hearing was posted on June 19, 2017 at 1:31 pm in the Village Hall window and the Village website. Notices were also posted the bank, the post office, the library, the lumber company, and the EC Fruit Exchange, as well as being published in the Journal Era on June 28, 2017 in an 8 by 4 inch ad on page 10. And the Village Council has discussed the ordinance at the last 3 Regular Council Meetings.

She has many doubts and concerns and does not support the idea of a Medical Marihuana Manufacturing Facility here in the Village and that it will bring undesirable attention, traffic and people. She foresees our community changing to a great magnitude.

It was explained that the company wanting to have this business by State Law has to have the entire area fenced in, no signs are allowed, they must have their own security guards and a

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24/7 camera monitoring of every area in the facility. The State of Michigan has put together a Task Force Team that will monitor all the facilities in the State. The facility here in the Village will not be open to the public at all and no Dispensaries or Provisioning Centers will be allowed in the Village. No one is in favor of Dispensaries in the Village; the Village of Eau Claire is too small for that type of business and Niles, Buchanan and Benton Harbor are all allowing Dispensaries so there will be plenty of local places for patients to purchase medicine.

The 30 page Ordinance Draft was gone over page by page by the Planning Commission, edits were gone over and the Clerk is to send the edits to the Village Attorney and we hope to have the edits done and a new draft by the August 20, 2017 Regular Council meeting, so the Village Council can vote on it.

Motion to Adjourn 7:30 pm

Unapproved Meeting Minutes by S. Foster