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Approved MINUTES

The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on November 26, 2018 at the Township Hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan

Present: Israels, Lozano, Prietz, Helmrich, Conklin, Rowe, Welk
Absent: None

- 1) **Call to Order** at 7:05 p.m. by chairperson Prietz.
- 2) **Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Rowe to approve agenda; seconded by Welk. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
- 4) **Discussion of October 22, 2018 meeting minutes.** Israels made numerous additions and one change of motion names regarding intersection options. Motion by Rowe to approve amended minutes; Welk seconds. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
- 5) **Public Comment** – None
- 6) **Correspondence** – None
- 7) **Unfinished business** – None
- 8) **New Business**
 - a. Discussion of new recreational marijuana state law and options for Saugatuck Township.
 - Don Schipper and John Seros, 3438 Riverside Drive, Saugatuck, Bruce Stewart of Studio Two Architects, 460 Fremont St., Douglas, and Tony Polega, 5746 122nd Ave, Fennville, introduced their intent to build a medical marijuana growing facility near the Exit 36 commercial interchange area of Saugatuck Township. They asked us to “Opt-In” to the Michigan cannabis laws to begin the process. They described a professional, odor controlled, largely unseen, very secure building for indoor cannabis growing. Only for medical purposes.
 - Tammy Jacobi, 33xx Blue Star Hwy, Douglas ask us to re-open her medical marijuana proposal also in the Exit 36 commercial interchange area.
 - Prietz started discussion with the “Opt-in” or “Opt-out” for medical marijuana.
 - Jacobi informed that since the election recreational marijuana was automatically opted-in, although municipalities had an option to opt-out.
 - Helmrich offered to send the P.C. members MTA information on recreational marijuana.
 - Israels asked where it fit in according to the Master Plan.
 - Rowe asked if it would be legal to sell both medical and recreational under one roof. Jacobi answered “yes”, but Michigan requires a medical license before giving a recreational license.
 - Helmrich mentioned a Township Board “Workshop” this week Thursday at 2:00. Perhaps it

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could be added to the agenda.

- Don Schipper answered that they expect to employ 10 people excluding the 4 owners. The building is designed for housing 2000 plants.
- Jacobi informed that there are higher taxes for recreational, at 10%, and most of that going back to the municipality.
- Prietz requested legal counsel at next meeting to discuss grow facility.

9) Public Comments – none

10) Further discussion

- a. Israels asked for a dedicated area for correspondences and packets for the P.C. members in the Township office.
- b. Conklin asked if the intersection committee got formed.

11) Board Discussion–

Prietz asked Helmrich to ask the Board for their feelings towards opting-in or -out of medical and recreational marijuana.

Public Comments- None

Next meeting – Monday, December 17th.

Motion to adjourn by Rowe, seconded by Conklin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Maggie Conklin Recording Secretary

1. Motion by Rowe to approve agenda; Welk seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
2. Motion by Rowe to approve amended minutes; Welk seconded. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Motion to adjourn by Rowe; Seconded by Conklin. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.