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The Saugatuck Township Planning Commission met on December 17 2018 at the Township Hall on Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, Michigan

Present: Israels, Lozano, Prietz, Helmruth, Conklin, Rowe, Welk.
Absent: None

- 1) **Call to Order** at 7:01 p.m. by chairperson Prietz.
- 2) **Roll call and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Rowe to approve agenda; seconded by Israels. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
- 4) **Discussion of November 26, 2018 meeting minutes.** Correct date at top of minutes. Motion by Rowe to approve amended minutes; Welk seconds. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
- 5) **Public Comment**
 - a. Tony Polega, 5746 122nd Ave, Fennville. Asked for P.C. to consider allowing up to 2 of each class of medical marihuana growing facilities, and 2 each of secure transporters, safety compliance facilities, provisioning centers, and processing centers. Also that they set the application fee at \$5000 for each license, and that facilities be strict setbacks from schools and other marihuana businesses.
 - b. Mrs. Tony Minniear, 616 Bayou Trail, Saugatuck. Just moved into area and “disappointed that marihuana is being considered. Please opt-out.”
 - c. Mr. Harry Minniear, 616 Bayou Trail, Saugatuck. Retired 3 days ago and also asked to opt-out.
 - d. Jerry Griffin, 9212 Coriander Way, Brighton, MI. Works for MMA company in Farmington Hoss, MI. Please look at Medical and Recreational marihuana separately, suggested opting-out of recreational. His company supplies medical marihuana to <50% of pediatric cases in Michigan.
 - e. Greg Pond, 6176 Bayou Trail, Saugatuck. Since Douglas opted-in didn’t think the Township needed to also opt-in.
 - f. Tammy Jacobi, 320 Blue Star Hwy, Douglas. Presented rendering of proposed medical marihuana provisioning center building on Lot #1 near Exit 36.
 - g. Brett (?), South Washington Street, Constantine, MI. Works for Apogee Cannabis Group. “Biggest thing is education.”
 - h. Dave Heilman, 2755 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck. He is “on the fence” and here to learn more. Leaning towards opting-in.
- 6) **Correspondence** – none
- 7) **Unfinished Business**

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- a. Legal counsel Nick Curcio gave presentation of history of medical and recreational marihuana in Michigan, details on possible township income from taxes, the different current options for opting-in and opting-out, which rules are written and overseen by the State compared to those controlled at the municipality level, what surrounding municipalities have done and are in the process of doing. P.C. discussion ensued.
- b. **Motion:** Rowe suggested that since there were no current interested parties for recreational marihuana he would motion to opt-out of all recreational marihuana facilities. 2nd Conklin. Roll call vote: Israels, Lozano, Prietz, Conklin, Rowe, Welk, "Yes"; Helmruth "No".
- c. Discussion regarding medical marihuana growing facilities. Nick Curcio informed that the State mandates that grow facilities can only be on industrial or agriculturally zoned area. Current applicant's property is zones partially commercial and partially industrial and would have to go through the process of re-zoning to industrial.
Motion: to Opt-In to Medical Growing facilities in Industrial and Agricultural zones, Rowe 1st, Helmruth 2nd. Roll call vote: Lozano, Conklin, Helmruth, Rowe, Welk, "Yes"; Prietz and Israels, "No".
- d. **Motion:** to Opt-out of medical marihuana processing centers. Conklin 1st, Israels 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.
- e. **Motion:** to Opt-in to medical marihuana provisioning centers in C-3 zone only. Helmruth 1st, Welk 2nd. Roll call vote: Lozano, Conklin, Helmruth, Rowe, Welk, Israels, "Yes"; Prietz, "No".
- f. **Motion:** to opt-out of medical marihuana secure transporters. Conklin 1st, Israels 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.
- g. **Motion:** to opt-in to medical marihuana compliance facilities in all commercial zones and industrial zone. Rowe 1st, Welk 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.

8) New Business - none

9) Public Comments

- a. Stacy Aldrich, 64th Street Saugatuck and Township Board liaison to the Fire Board asked that the township pay for a newly requested water main upgrade near the intersection of Blue Star Hwy, 135th Avenue and 65th Street, from 8" main to 12" main, to support upcoming construction. The Fire Board is in the process of receiving quotes for the work and will keep communications open with the Township.
- b. Jerry Griffin, 9212 Coriander Way, Brighton, MI. Please call the \$5000 application fee an "Annual License Fee". Set it up so that applicants must first be qualified by the State before being issued a Township License.

10) Board Discussion— none

11) Adjourn – 1st Welk, 2nd Rowe. Approved by unanimous voice vote. 9:08 pm.

Next meeting – Monday, January 28th.

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Maggie Conklin Recording Secretary

1. Motion by Rowe to approve agenda; Israels 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 by Rowe that since there were no current interested parties for recreational marihuana he would motion to opt-out of all recreational marihuana facilities. 2nd Conklin. Roll call vote: Israels, Lozano, Prietz, Conklin, Rowe, Welk, "Yes"; Helmruth "No".
4. Motion to Opt-In to Medical Growing facilities in Industrial and Agricultural zones, Rowe 1st, Helmruth 2nd. Roll call vote: Lozano, Conklin, Helmruth, Rowe, Welk, "Yes"; Prietz and Israels, "No".
5. Motion to Opt-out of medical marihuana processing centers. Conklin 1st, Israels 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.
6. Motion to Opt-in to medical marihuana provisioning centers in C-3 zone only. Helmruth 1st, Welk 2nd. Roll call vote: Lozano, Conklin, Helmruth, Rowe, Welk, Israels, "Yes"; Prietz, "No".
7. Motion to opt-out of medical marihuana secure transporters. Conklin 1st, Israels 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.
8. Motion to opt-in to medical marihuana compliance facilities in all commercial zones and industrial zone. Rowe 1st, Welk 2nd. Roll call vote: unanimously approved.
9. Motion to adjourn by Welk; Seconded by Rowe. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.