

Sumpter Township
Planning Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Stalmack showing present: Clark, Cichewicz, Stalmack, Bates, Oddy, Pokerwinski, Claxton. Also present: Attorney Young, Planner Kreps, Deputy Clerk Hurst and approximately 29 residents. Absent: Borden & Taylor.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Cichewicz to approve the minutes of August 14, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Claxton, supported by Bates to open the public hearing at 7:02 pm regarding Provisionary Center Zoning Districts. Motion carried unanimously.

Corporal Toth spoke and gave the background on how we came to this point with the Michigan House bill 4271 working on the regulation of dispensing medical marijuana Sumpter wants to have some laws in place to keep our residents safe.

Oddy stated that we are only here to discuss the possible zoning areas for the dispensing of medical marijuana not the caregivers who grow the marijuana.

Barb Villeneuve of Harris Road spoke and did not want to have it in a residential area and wanted to know what a dispensary was? Stalmack answered: A place for the caregivers to give the medical marijuana to patients.

Planner Kreps the discussion on the areas to have for dispensing is in the Commercial districts. It could be a permitted use or by special exception use which would then be a public hearing for each dispensary to be located in that district.

Bewy Horn Sumpter Road asked how far from a residential district? Answer approx. 250'. He said are there any locations currently that would be that distance?

Mary Sherwood Willis Road stated that in her area the front part of the properties are residential and the back parts are industrial.

Dena Villeneuve of Harris Road asked can they have a grow and a dispensary on same property? Answer: A caregiver can grow and dispense to his/her five patients on same property.

Corporal Toth stated when we have provisionary centers the grower can then go to that building to meet patients to dispense the medical marijuana at one location.

Sharon Pokerwinski Karr Road asked how many dispensaries is the township looking to have? Answer: Total of 3 for the whole township unless the state law states more.

David of Chelsea stated that he wants the elderly patients to have safe places to come to receive their medicine.

Mary Sherwood Willis Road wanted to know the areas the commission is looking to have the provisionary centers? Answer: Commercial areas and have set hours of operations an application fee would be necessary which would regulate the business.

Sharon Pokerwinski Karr Road wanted to know how many applications have been received? Answer: There is not an application yet for that so answer is none. Until we work out the ordinance and area we will not create an application.

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Dena Villeneuve of Harris Road stated that her mother-in-law is not in good health and this is very bad for her to be around. It has made her quality of life not good so we should be very careful.

Oddy stated that state law has rules and the township has tried to put rules in place to make it safe for everyone. We are reviewing the house bill 4271 and are going to mirror that bill to make it safe for our residents.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Claxton to close the public hearing at 7:31 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Cichewicz to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst
Deputy Clerk
Sumpter Township