

CLEON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
JANUARY 5TH 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 Todd Humphrey

ROLL CALL:

Terri Milarch, Paul Beaudrie, Gary Porter, Chris Hearst and Todd Humphrey

GUESTS:

Dave & Jan Myers, Jeff & Barb Stanton, Pat Milliron and Calvin Milliron. Bill Mathes was on speaker phone during the meeting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From Dec. 1st 2021

The minutes were read and approved by: Gary Porter 2nd by Paul Beaudrie

OLD BUSINESS:

Calvin Milliron attended the meeting to review his special use permit-there were no changes. Discussed Marijuana growing in Cleon township. We received an updated Ordinance from our Lawyer for recreational use and Medical Marijuana Facilities. It cannot be put on the Ballot in May. We will be looking at other Ordinance's to see how theirs is set up. We need to do what is best for our Township. We are trying to figure out a way to get Public Input. Everything has to go through the Planning commission and then the Township Board. There will be four Cannabis Education Seminars held at the American Legion hall, they are put on by THRYVE CORP. to learn about Cannabis business, jobs and testing and state requirements The dates are. Jan 19th, February 23rd, March 23rd and April 20th, they are at 7:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS:

Reviewing the Marijuana Ordinance's, and figure out what we want it to say. There is a lot of red tape and it will be very costly. Looking over Ordinances from other townships.

PERMITS: There were 4 Permits

-David & Marinell Villssen-House on 17463 Litzen Rd

Steve Milarch-Pole barn on 16732 Erwin Rd

Jamieson Milarch-Pole Barn on 19281 Faylor Rd

Joe and Tara Carpenter-House and Garage on Faylor Rd

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pat Milliron :

Copemish Village President, says there is a website you can go to to find information on rules for Marijuana Growing

Also Village of Copemish has opted in to have facilities in the village.

Dave Myers:

Township Supervisor, brought up the Ballot issue, it's not legal to put it on the Ballot , and we can't ask for a survey to be put on the ballot. We can petition to get this on the ballot, if we did it will be a yes or no vote. He says the public should know what is going on, trying to figure out a way to let the public know, and get there opinion on this issue, maybe some type of a mailing Dave also wants to know how long this will take to get this going. Also he says the Recreational and the Medical should not be together.

Barb Stanton:

Zoning Administrator, says it could take up to 6 months as there is a lot involved , wording needs to be changed in the ordinance so they have definitions so we know what certain words mean.

There will have to be extra meetings involved, zoning issues ,lots of legwork on her part.

It could be quite costly!

Bill Mathes:

From Springdale Township was on speaker phone during our meeting he is willing to help with anything that needs to be done to help with the Mariijuana Ordinances, he is bringing several ordinances for us to look at to see how other townships have their's set up. He says the Ord. should say indoor growing ONLY because of the smell.

Todd Humphrey:

Chairman of the planning comm., says everything has to go through the Planning comm. first then the Township Board. The fee of \$5000.00 was discussed, how it will be used. We will review what we have and decide what we want it to say, also he says our job is to protect the people of our Township!

ADJOURNED: 8:08 PM MOTION BY Todd Humphrey 2nd by Paul Beaudrie

Next meeting February 2nd 2022 at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Terri Milarch