

CLEON TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
MARCH 2ND 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Todd Humphrey

ROLL CALL:

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

GUESTS:

Dave & Jan Myers, Jeff & Barb Stanton, Bill Mathes and Merritt and Heidi Allinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: From March 2nd 2022

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Todd H. brought a rough draft of a Marijuana Ordinance for us to read.
He went through the draft and we discussed the most important parts of it.
We agreed on 2 permits, for class A,500 plants, class B 1000 plants and class C 1500 plants
2 processors and 2 transporter permits, this can be changed if need be.

Comments from board members:

Paul-Should be limited amounts of grow places, Todd agrees with Paul
He has heard comments from people, wondering where these grow facilities will be.
Gary-would like to have unlimited or 6 6 6 or at least more than 2 grows, agreed to 2
Chris- Thinks unlimited is excessive, agrees with Gary having 6 of each, agreed to 2
Todd-There is not a lot of Ag land available, agrees on 2 2 2, not set in stone, as we are not
voting on it. Needs to be sent to our Lawyers and Planning board in Manistee. All grows will be
in doors. Requires a Spec use permit and land use permit. Odor control is very important!
Terri- 2 2 2 agrees with Barb

NEW BUSINESS:

We will be discussing the Ordinance for Cleon Township

PERMITS:

One permit- Alexander Miller to build a Pole Barn, no address yet

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Heidi Allinger- wrote a letter and spoke about her feelings on the Marijuana issue in Cleon Township,(letter attached)

Dave Myers- brought up unlimited Vs Limited problems that could come up, possibly getting sued.

Says he and Jan are at the meeting more for the Village of Copemish. He would like to use the Ord. for Cleon Township for the Village of Copemish, as they are having a hard time getting theirs done correctly. Needs more people for the Village. He is very frustrated with the Village. Barb says we should not have to pay our lawyer for them to use our Ordinance! Says maybe they could reciprocate on costs involved.

Jeff Stanton-feels it would be negligent to put unlimited grows

Barb Stanton-would like to see 2 2 2, says that it could be changed later, it could be a lot of work for the Clerk, Zoning admin. and Treas. Lots of paperwork involved. Has to have a special use permit and also a land use permit. Cleon Township has a sign ordinance in place.

Merritt Allinger-Feels location is a major issue. Should be so far off the road and not look like a Marijuana Grow place.

Bill Mathes-Main thing is public safety. All grow facilities will be agricultural land, and indoor grows. Signage is very important, do not put anything saying it's a Marijuana grow place.

Suggested that we specify type of building used for grow facilities. Insurance's for growers, types needed?

He mentioned that it is very expensive to start a Grow Facility. There is a lot involved to get them started if you can find Ag land. He talked a lot about what other townships are doing to give us ideas for our Ordinance.

Next meeting: Wed. March 6th 2022 at 6:30

Motion to Adjourn at 8:37 was made by Gary 2nd by Paul

Minutes submitted by Terri Milarch, Secretary