

ALPENA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES – Public Input Session

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

MEETING COMMENCED: 6:01 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THOSE PRESENT

Secretary Lisa Brendle, Larry Dehring, Chairperson Tom Hilberg, Chuck LeFebvre and Norm Poli

ABSENT

Ann Marie Rich and Vice-chairperson Fred Sterns

OTHERS PRESENT

Brett Heise – 306 Majestic Court
Wayne Gauthier – 621 Tawas St
Ed Goyette – 165 Mabel Ave
Jen Dutcher – 307 W Maple
Julie Goldberg – Alpena News
Adam Poll – 1387 Hobbs Dr
Alisha Manning – 118 Tawas St
Tim Gulden - Township Attorney

Brittany Szatkowski – 306 Majestic Court
Jim Celaya – 538 Long Lake Ave
Julie Alexander – 1101 S First
Todd Precord – 9576 M-65, Posen
Lois Hall – 2553 Hobbs Dr
Dan Gouin – 6638 Monaghan Pt Rd
Rudolph Wilke – 5700 Ratz Rd

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

L. Dehring made a **motion** to adopt the agenda, **supported** by N. Poli. *Motion passed.*

PUBLIC MEETING PARTICIPATION RULES

PUBLIC INPUT SESSION - Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMFLA)

Chairperson Hilberg explained the process for the Public Input Session. Hilberg discussed that the MMFLA requires an annual license for any of the following entities to operate a marihuana facility. Those entities were Growers, Processors, Provisioning Centers, Secure Transporters, and Safety Compliance Facilities. The focus of the public input was centered around the ability of patients being able to have Provisioning Centers locally. It was reported that patients had to travel to Bay City and/or Traverse City for their supplies. The cost of a Facility License was discussed as the Act authorizes municipalities to charge an annual fee of up to \$5,000 on licensed facilities with justification of the amount provided by the municipality. It was discussed that municipal enforcement would prevail if a licensee was not operating within the scope of the marihuana facility.

DISCUSSION

The Planning Commission heard all the Public Input on the Medical Marihuana Facility Licensing Act. The next step in the process will be to review the Alpena Township Master Plan and zoning for business licenses.

The Planning Commission took no action at this meeting.

NEXT MEETING - February 12, 2018

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Hilberg at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brendle
Secretary

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