INLAND TOWNSHIP *SPECIAL* BOARD MEETING

Tuesday December 18, 2018

Inland Township Office Building

19668 Honor Hwy

Interlochen, MI

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order by Supervisor Beechraft

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Roll Call: Present – Supervisor Beechraft, Clerk Wirth, Treasurer Wilson, Trustee Miller and Trustee Poulisse.

Public Comment:

Anthony Dutt introduced is attorney, Eric Misterovich of Revision Legal.

Attorney Misterovich – I am here to hopefully be a resource. I would like to make sure the board understands the requirements for a grow facility, operation and applications, amount of oversite and transparency.

Evan Warsecke 2069 Honor Hwy introduced Don Bailey of the State Of Michigan Marihuana Licensing Board.

Anthony Dutt – overview of three different types of programs in Michigan and gave the Board informational papers.

Supervisor Beechraft – this is a discussion for the Board to get this all pulled together.

Chris Noffsinger 19739 Bronson Lake Rd asked questions of Anthony Dutt regarding his facility. I am not in favor of it, but if you have a facility that large couldn’t you put something else in it?

Purpose of this meeting: Discussion of Medical and Recreational Marihuana Ordinances

Shawn Worden, Township attorney

He discussed the Zoning Amendment as well as the licensing permit and ordinance adoption. Michigan specifically so people could grow in a controlled environment and it worked great. Recreational you can still smoke it, carry it but cannot sell it if the township opts out. What Anthony is asking for is reasonable but it is political.

Sherri – this ordinance does not go far enough with limiting the number of facilities.

Shawn – you can put in how many you want you don’t have to jump to the big facility. There will be jobs for the community and a tax base.

Mary – We have no overlay district.

Shawn – you do – defines overlay.

Paul – if approved he has to go back to get a land use permit and planning commission. Bend a little as Shawn said to limit these facilities.

Rose – limit it in our licensing ordinance

Paul – is everyone alright with the zoning amendment.

Let’s look at putting in a class a grower

Mary – looking at a few things in the text of the ordinance from Anthony

Shawn – Anthonys ordinance wording is very good, it is similar to all others.

Paul – Shawn you said medical Marihuana would be a moot point in 2 years. Those getting medical Marihuana cards will no longer need to get them once recreational mj is in place. If we went with the medical side and in 2 years it’s not feasible for him to continue can he turn that into recreational

Shawn – not if you opt out. If you allow medical grow you will be asked to allow recreational grow. The Michigan State study shows that a vast majority of the public approves it but the governmental bodies don’t.

THC is not being regulated

Mary – can we jump to the opting out one?

Changes that need to be made to the recreational opt out ordinance

\*In the title after “Prohibition of” add “Recreational”

\*Paragraph following the title after “to prohibit” add “recreational”

\*Section I: title last line “Prohibition of” add “recreational”

\*Section III: title after “No” add “Recreational”

\*Section III: paragraph after “prohibits all” add “recreational”

Motion made by Wilson to adopt the Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments Ordinance as amended seconded by Miller.

Roll Call: Ayes – Beechraft, Wirth, Wilson, Miller and Poulisse Nays – None

Supervisor declares the ordinance adopted after publication

Licensing ordinance, can we hear from Don Bailey?

Don Bailey – lawsuits – if you opt for one license you will get sued for limiting them. Anthony cannot write the ordinance.

Rose – If our attorney writes it to say that we want to limit it for a period of time before we increase what we want.

Don – wants to say he is qualified I do not make the decision of who you choose to give the license to. Some communities do lotteries; have to pass certain steps or a secret process to choose the individuals.

Do you want to limit? What is that limit? As Shawn said you will get sued. You want to get the best applicant. Regulatory background checks are done not criminal. You have to show you have capital and 25% is liquid.

Medical is going away due to recreational, along with the tax money.

Shawn – diminishing risk if opt out of recreational and accept medical. Everyone that has been hiding growing marihuana will start to come out and people are going to start planting in the back yard

Don – passed out a list of townships that have opted in medical Marihuana.

Not limiting THC. Cannot collet tax on recreational unless it labeled. The black market will grow.

Shawn – this is political in the end. Lawsuit level is not gigantic if we do this thoughtfully.

Discussion among Board members.

Paul – we have been asked to take a short break

Recess – 8:20 p.m.

Reconvened – 8:25 p.m.

Paul – in Oregon is the crime high and stuff like that

Don – you can find whatever you want: if crime went up or child use of drug, etc. depending on what you want to know.

Motion made by Wilson to allow the attorney to incorporate what was discussed tonight into the licensing ordinance and send it back to the Board seconded by Poulisse.

Roll Call: Ayes – Wilson, Wirth, Poulisse, Miller and Beechraft Nays – None Motion carried

Public Comment:

Chris Noffsinger – Thank you to everybody I know this not an easy decision. Foresight and common sense, I don’t want to see a failing entrepreneur.

Bob Wilkinson – 18426 Cinder Rd. – Medical Marihuana may or may not go away. There is always going to be that one percent that wants to know where their product came from. If an entrepreneur wants to start a business it’s their money let them start their business.

Anthony Dutt – Thank you for going through this with the lawyers. It means a lot that you all showed up.

Chris Noffsinger - I’m not against medical marihuana its great it’s needed but it’s the big pharma that concerns me they will come in and take over.

Don Bailey – they need a medical marihuana license for two years before they can apply for a recreational license.

Eric Misterovich – I just want to say the sky is not falling. Marihuana is here, bad things have happened but we are here to discuss a land use of a very narrow piece. You are tasked with a narrow section of a messy project.

Any Other Business to come before the board

Paul Beechraft – I agree with Bob said. I would like to see us on the health and welfare side.

Motion made by Wilson to adjourn the meeting seconded by Poulisse.

Ayes – All Nays – None Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Rose A. Wirth, Clerk Paul A. Beechraft, Supervisor