



Township of Lapeer Planning Commission

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STUDY SESSION

June 7, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The Lapeer Township Planning Commission held a Study Session on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Tim Roodvoets called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Chair Tim Roodvoets, Commissioners Ken Ewing, Phil Thick, Deborah Cady, John Rutzen and Dan Gingell were in attendance. Commissioner Ruth Lentz arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Attendees: Leonard Lumley, Lapeer Township Resident
Bill Marshall, Lapeer Township Police Chief
Chris McLeod, Lapeer Township Planning Consultant and
Lorrie Mead-Clancy, Recording Secretary

Public Time: Opened at 7:05 p.m. No comment. Closed at 7:06 p.m.

New Business: None at this time.

Other Business: Chair Roodvoets moved agenda item #3 to item # 1.

1. Medical Marijuana Commissioners Rutzen and Thick noted that Chair Roodvoets did not attend the May 17, 2010 meeting and they presented update as to discussion that had taken place during the meeting.

Chief Bill Marshall, indicated belief the Marijuana Law to be against Federal Law...expressed concerns with how to proceed if unlawful.

Chair Roodvoets indicated belief the Township to be tasked with reinforcing Federal Law; however, the Township would not be responsible with the task of enforcement should it not be allowed. Roundtable Discussion:

- a. Reinforcement of Federal Law
- b. Designated Caregivers
- c. Dispensary description
- d. List of Township Currently Allowing
- e. Definitions
- f. Right to farm

Chair Roodvoets noted he recently visited the Dryden Site...received the rules as set forth and conversed with the "store" owner.

Chief Marshall indicated that in order to become a dispensary, registration is required and an application must be submitted to the State of Michigan. This would also include an application fee of \$100.00. Chief Marshall further indicated he is not a proponent of allowing the approval of a dispensary.

Chair Roodvoets indicated a dispensary owner does not grow, disperse or sell the product; the owner would allow a caregiver to disperse the product to each of five (5) recipients as allowed.

Commissioner Ewing expressed concerns regarding quantities, supplies on site and possible trafficking.

Commissioner Thick reinforced the documented requirement, which states five (5) recipients per one (1) Caregiver.

Commissioner Rutzen questioned whether there were possible benefits to the Township.

Commissioner Ewing made inquiry as to wording.

Commissioner Thick read aloud the description, which included the language “enclosed area”. He also indicated there to be a limited number of plants allowed per caregiver...recipients (or qualified patients) would be allowed to possess a limited number of plants at their residence as well.

Board discussion.

Mr. McLeod indicated there to be no clear understanding of the State’s ability to notify individual Townships with regard to the number of caregivers. He noted that some Communities have determined requirements such as a Home Occupation license and further indicated belief from a law enforcement viewpoint the product must specifically be kept in a closed, locked area. From a safety standpoint, he questioned whether Construction Code Authority would be charged with enforcement issues or as the State of Michigan created the situation, would they be responsible for enforcement...as long as caregivers are followed by the State would the Township need to provide further follow-up.

Mr. McLeod indicated a recipient must first obtain a physicians note, then must apply to the State of Michigan including the payment of fees. He further noted the definition to include Compassion Centers as Dispensary’s and provided Draft #2 proposed Amendments.

Chair Roodvoets indicated concerns with Dispensary locations and their possible proximity to Daycare Centers, Preschools and Parochial Schools.

Commissioner Cady expressed concerns with registered caregivers and growing sales possibilities.

Mr. McLeod indicated belief as constituents overwhelmingly approved the issue, by and large presumed that pharmaceutical professionals control or monitor.

Commissioner Lendt made inquiry with regard to further information on definitions. Roundtable discussion as to set the public hearing for the July planning commission meeting.

- Master Plan: Mr. McLeod had presented Draft copies at the May 17, 2010 Regular Planning Commission Meeting. He indicated he would provide further information at the next Regular Meeting, June 21, 2010.
- Parks & Recreation: Commissioner Rutzen indicated the Park plan is proceeding at a constant pace. He further indicated the pavilion start date will be in September of this year...we will continue to proceed with review process and possibly volunteer services...also discussed was the donation of woodchips as supplies for park use.
- Old Business: Roundtable discussion with regard to denial of previous Zoning Board of Appeals application; applicant has not complied with requirements as were previously set forth in reference to the use of a sign; applicant’s appeal was denied.
- Correspondence: As in packet.
- Announcements: 1. General Board Annual Meeting June 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Planning Commission Regular Meeting June 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
3. Commissioner Lendt announced her intent to resign, as she is moving from Lapeer Township
- August Study Session: Chair Roodvoets indicated possible cancellation of the August Study Session Meeting due to Elections taking place at the Township Hall. Discussion. Tabled to the July Regular Meeting. No Further Discussion.

Adjournment:

Having no further business to discuss -Motion Commissioner Gingell, seconded by Commissioner Ewing to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Ruth Lendt, Secretary

Lorrie Mead-Clancy, Recording Secretary