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ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

April 8, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Present: Short, Chopp, Ameel, Howard, Boeck, Knight & Vermeersch. Absent: Acciavatti.
Also, present: Building Official Bayly & Supervisor Boulter.

Motion by Chopp. Seconded by Boeck to approve agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Knight to approve the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Vermeersch.
Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing opened at 7:05 to hear comments regarding Ordinance 195 – St Clair Township Medical
Marihuana Ordinance. An Ordinance to regulate patient caregiver activities pursuant to the Michigan
Medical Marihuana Act.

Supervisor Boulter stated the purpose of the Ordinance is to set up rules and regulations on how
caregivers can set up grow operations in the Township. The goal of the Ordinance is to allow caregivers
only in industrial zoned areas, keeping it out of our neighborhoods.

Boeck questioned about any existing caregivers in the Township if the Ordinance is passed. Boulter stated
the Township could pursue legal action. According to State of Michigan's Medical Marihuana department
there are not any registered caregivers for St Clair Township currently. Boulter has heard rumors of
existing places, which if true they are operating illegally.

Boulter discussed that this Ordinance would allow the Township to go into caregiver locations for
inspections to ensure they are set up & operating properly.

Knight questioned if facilities would have to register with the Township if Ordinance is passed. Boulter
stated yes.

Knight also questioned if agricultural zoned properties could grow as caregivers. Boulter stated that light
& heavy industrial zoned properties would be the only allowable areas.

J. Lehman, 610 S Allen Rd, asked for clarification of different sections of the Ordinance regarding
personal use, caregiver use, lighting requirements & if immediately enforceable. Bayly & Boulter
addressed his questions.

K. Klieman, 4867 Rattle Run, supports the passing of the Ordinance.

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T. Frendt, 4133 Rattle Run, supports the passing of the Ordinance. He expressed concern about a potential location near him and its proximity to the Little League Field. Neighbors have turned in petition regarding location to the Township.

Further discussion among planning commission members ensued.

L. Varty, 554 S Allen, supports the passing of the Ordinance, feels it's a good start to address the situation.

J. Logan, 5149 Bowman, supports passing of the Ordinance.

Public hearing closed at 7:27 pm.

Brief Public Comment: None

Correspondence/Communications: None

New Business: Ordinance 195 – St Clair Township Medical Marihuana Ordinance. An Ordinance to regulate patient caregiver activities pursuant to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act.

Motion by Chopp to accept Ordinance 195 as presented. Vermeersch seconded. Roll Call: Yes-Short, Chopp, Ameel, Howard, Boeck, Knight & Vermeersch. No-Boeck. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Call from the Floor: None

Reports

Township Board: None

BZA: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Chopp
Secretary

