

# DeTour Township

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*Where Year-Round Outdoor Recreation Is at a Premium ...*

## MINUTES TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING August 11, 2020 at 5:30pm

**CALL TO ORDER** Tom Lehman, Township Supervisor at 5:31pm

### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sharon Hamel, John Fountain, Tom Lehman, Susie Baker

ABSENT: Bob Vaught

### APPROVE MINUTES

1. From June 9, 2020 Meeting

Not attached. Copy sent to board members August 12, 2020. We will approve at September 4, 2020 meeting.

### APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT

1. Through July 2020

Motion: Tom Lehman

Second: John Fountain

Approved: Sharon Hamel, John Fountain, Tom Lehman, Susie Baker

Not Approved: None

Motion Passed

### APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

1. Through July 2020

Motion: Tom Lehman

Second: Sharon Hamel

Approved: Sharon Hamel, John Fountain, Tom Lehman, Susie Baker

Not Approved: None

Motion Passed

### OLD BUSINESS

1. None

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Umbrella Tree LLC – Rob Bloch, Peninsula Tech**

a) Rob Bloch presented a proposal to grant Umbrella Tree LLC a variance to grow marihuana 330 feet from property line versus the required 400 feet due to existing underground power lines and current driving easement on property.

Motion: John Fountain

Second: Tom Lehman

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Tom Lehman, Township Supervisor - Susie Baker, Township Clerk - Sharon Hamel, Township Treasurer

John Fountain, Township Trustee - Bob Vaught, Township Trustee

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Not Approved: Susie Baker  
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## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **How much is revenue from Marijuana businesses & how is it being spent – Bud Shoop, Resident**
  - a) Board did not have information at meeting. Mr. Shoop was advised to stop into DeTour township office to get information
2. **Scientific Methods first sale of product nearing – Rob Bloch, Peninsula Tech**
  - a) Scientific Methods is employing nine people (did not say how many full or part time)
  - b) First cutting is looking very good and sale is approaching
  - c) Another company in town hopes to employee 30 people
3. **Marijuana Transporter business coming to town – Rob Bloch, Peninsula Tech**
  - a) Rob is working with a business wanting to purchase home on corner of McAdams and North Caribou Lake Road to use as Transporter business
4. **Advanced team from a dollar store advance team contacted DeTour Village – Rob Bloch, DeTour Planning Committee**
  - a) Mr. Bloch has he does not know if it is Dollar General or another dollar store company
  - b) Village sent current zoning and planning requirements
  - b) Store plans to be 70% GM and 30% Grocery
5. **Gravel Yard Storage business coming to town – Rob Bloch, DeTour Planning Committee**
  - a) Doug Fountain is planning to transform his lot on Ontario St into a gravel yard for storage
  - b) DeTour Village is asking for details on his design
6. **Fencing and Improvements to Maple Grove Cemetery – John Fountain, DeTour Village Public Works ihutg**
  - a) At October board meeting John will present proposal for improvements to storage area at cemetery
7. **Resurface McDonald Road – Tom Lehman, DeTour Township Supervisor**
  - a) I am working with Chippewa County Road Commission to get resurfacing on schedule

## MEETING CLOSE

Motion: Tom Lehman

Second: Sharon Hamel

Approved: Sharon Hamel, John Fountain, Tom Lehman, Susie Baker

Not Approved: None

Motion Passed – Meeting closed at 5:55pm

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DeTour Township Board  
260 Superior  
DeTour Village, MI 49725

August 11, 2020

Subject: Umbrella Tree LLC c/o Jacob Ottney

Dear Board Members,

This request concerns the above mentioned company/individual. Jacob has an offer to purchase 40 acres located on M-48 about 2 miles north of M-134. His company has pre-qualified for a MRA Class A growers license and will complete the application requirements for the Township's licenses once the land deal is done. During the discovery period of the land purchase, I took the Chippewa County Health Department official and the EGLE official to the site for their determination and qualified permission to build his building and locate an outside grow area for cannabis. He was approved by both entities. He has already supplied us with the necessary documents and was approved by this Board for our license(s) at the last Board Meeting.

During the above actions, I noticed that the property has a legal easement through part of the area the Township Ordinance will allow a cannabis farmer to use, i.e. 400 foot setbacks from all property lines which would allow him to utilize 6.5 acres out of the 40 acre parcel. On closer inspection the easement road also has buried under ground Cloverland power lines going back to other property owners (please see survey). The location of these lines is encroaching on the south side of the 6.5 usable acreage and if required to be moved would create a tremendous expense and an extended period of time to accomplish.

The applicant is asking for a variance to our requirements. The easement is approximately 70 feet into the allowable acreage for a MRA Grower. He will leave the easement where it is located. The

variance would allow him to move the 6.5 acre area about 70 feet north of the required 400 foot setback located on the northern portion of the property. That would mean that the northern setback would then be approximately a 330 foot setback.

I am recommending this variance and would like the Board's permission to grant this variance.

Sincerely,

Rob Bloch

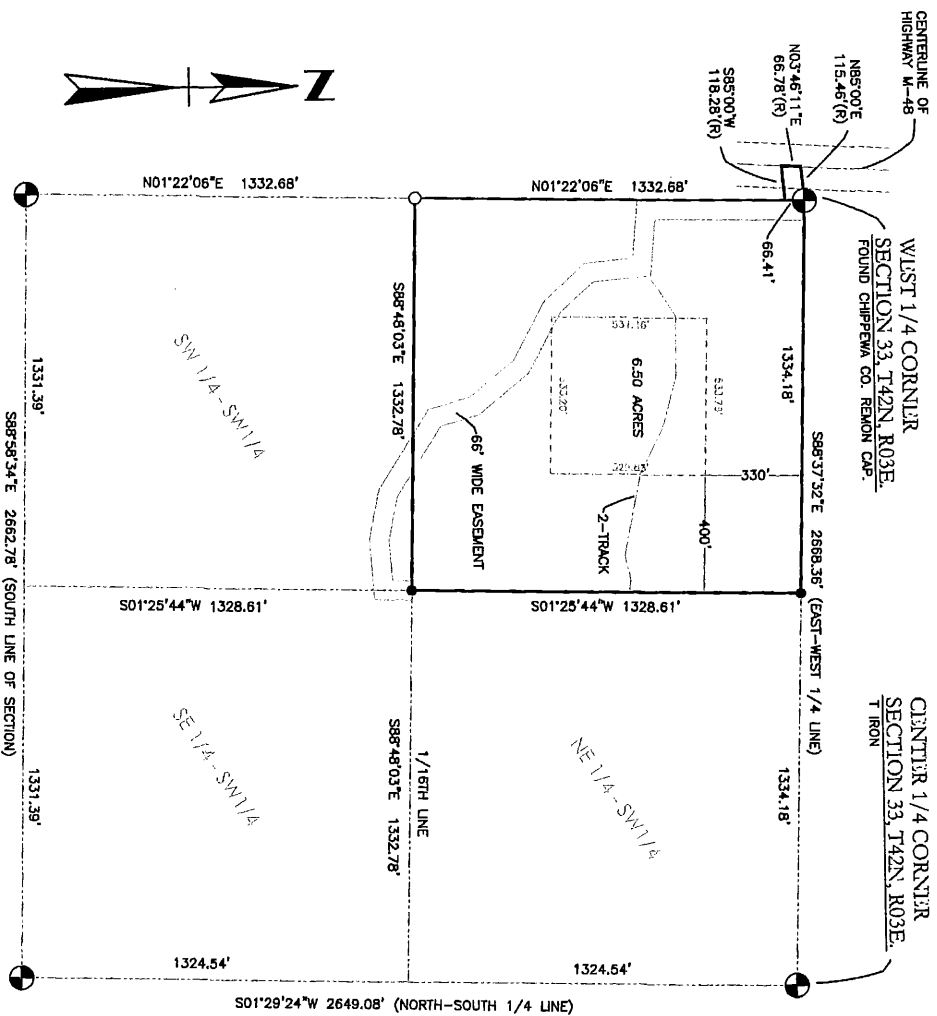
DeTour Township Administrator

MMFLA/MRTMA

# LOCATION SKETCH

THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, SECTION 33, TOWN 42 NORTH, RANGE 03 EAST, DETOUR TOWNSHIP, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTE:  
BEARINGS BASED ON A SURVEY BY LARRY FERNDT, L.S.  
THE DEED FOR BOTH PARCELS AND THE 66' WIDE  
EASEMENT ARE FOUND IN LIBER 602, PAGE 610 AND ARE  
SUBJECT TO LIBER 414, PAGE 634.



SOUTHWEST CORNER  
SECTION 33, T42N, R03E,  
FOUND CHIPPEWA CO. REMON CAP.

SOUTH 1/4 CORNER  
SECTION 33, T42N, R03E.

## LEGEND

- ⊕ PUBLIC LAND SURVEY CORNER
- FOUND CONCRETE MONUMENT
- 1/2" X 18" IRON SET WITH ID CAP
- FOUND CORNER
- (R) RECORDED DISTANCE
- (M) MEASURED DISTANCE

SCALE: 1" = 500'

JEFFREY M. DAVIS, P.S. 46660

# GREAT LAKES LAND SURVEYING

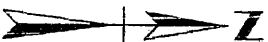
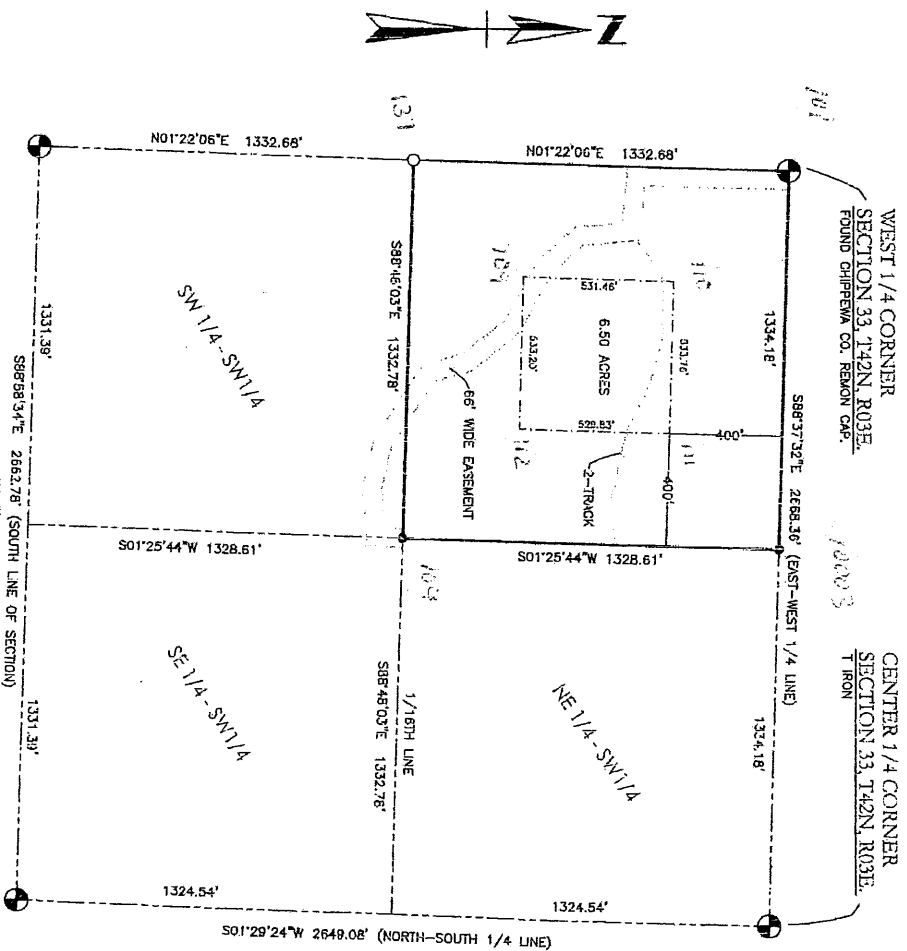
PO BOX 362 / 562 N. 3 MILE ROAD, HESSEL MICHIGAN 49745 PHONE 906-484-6840

SHEET:	1 OF 2	SURVEY FOR	COMPUTED BY:	J. DAVIS
DATE:	AUGUST 10, 2020	OTTNEY	PROJECT NO.	20054
SCALE:	1" = 500'		DRAWN BY:	J. DAVIS

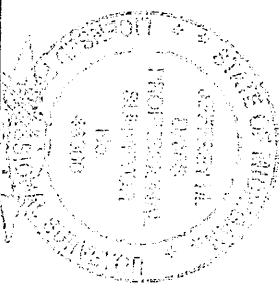
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SHEET:	1 OF 1	COMPUTED BY:	J. DAVIS
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SURVEY FOR		OTTNEY	