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ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION

March 18, 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, Howard, Knight & Vermeesch. Absent: Acciavatti, Ameel & Boeck. Also, present: Building Official Bayly & Supervisor Boulter.

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

Motion by Knight to approve the January 14, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Vermeesch. Motion carried unanimously.

Brief Public Comment: None

Correspondence/Communications: None

New Business: To discuss proposed Ordinance 195 Medical Marihuana & to set Public Hearing date.

Howard questioned who would enforce Ordinance if passed and the cost involved.

Boulter stated that at this point cost is unknown, but in Section 7 of the Ordinance the Township will require an application fee and renewal fee annually. Fee to be determined with what is allowable within the law.

Bayly stated the purpose of the Ordinance is to keep medical marihuana in industrial districts which will set control of the situation within the Township. It would be a combination of the Code Enforcement Officer and Bayly himself monitoring the operations.

Boulter stated that the way it is set up right now if medical marihuana operations meet all the building requirements set up in the Township and the requirements of the State of Michigan, they can set up operations anywhere in the Township and the Township can't stop it. Medical marihuana people have the right to grow their own or have someone grow it for them. The goal of this Ordinance is to keep it out of our neighborhoods.

Bayly stated that having it go into Industrial zoned areas in the Township will require any growing operations to go in front of the Planning Commission for Site Plan Reviews and Special

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Use before they could open. Those situations will require Public Hearings making the businesses transparent on what they are doing.

Knight questioned where Ordinance came from, if it was tailored to St Clair Township, itself. Boulrier stated the Township Attorney drew the Ordinance up. It was used in other municipalities and has stood up in Court when challenged.

Motion by Chopp. Seconded by Knight to set the Public Hearing date for April 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm - the date of the next regularly scheduled planning commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

Call from the Floor:

- 1) Supervisor Boulrier thanked the Planning Commission for coming out for the Special Planning Commission meeting.
- 2) D. Logan asked for copy of proposed Ordinance.

Reports

Township Board: Supervisor Boulrier stated at the last meeting the proposed Ordinance was discussed and a Resolution was passed to not assume responsibility for a private sewer system going in off of Pug Road.

BZA: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jon Chopp  
Secretary

