

**Republic Township
Special Board Meeting
Township Board/Planning Commission
February 27, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ulrich @ 12:00 Noon all Board Members were present, and four members of the Planning Commission; Martin Oakley, Gary Johnson, John Kraft and Frank Haslip

SALUTE TO FLAG:

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

The purposes of this meeting are as follows:

1. Discuss recommendations from Attorney William Fahey's office in relation to the Marijuana Ordinance
2. Any other topics the Board wishes to discuss

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 5, which was the approval of minutes by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by PC Chair Oakley, all in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Medical Marijuana Ordinance. Recommendations have been received from Attorney Fahey's office, specifically from Chris Patterson. Motion to remove Attorney/Client Privilege, making these documents public by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the number of facilities to be allowed, the application process, creating a new application, and then finally a business and marketing plan. After a long discussion Supervisor Ulrich asked for a vote on who agreed with the requirement of the Business and Marketing plans, Trustee Stankus said he agreed and made the motion to that effect, Supervisor Ulrich seconded that motion, all answered aye (PC Included) with the exception of 2 nays. Mr. Brennan then brought up the fact that since this is a police ordinance only the Board should vote, not the PC. Mr. Ulrich asked if a roll call should be taken, and everyone agreed.

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay
Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor. Motion carried.

Also, in the discussion, it was suggested that the Township get the sample language from the Attorney, Supervisor Ulrich made motion to get sample language from the Attorney for item 1 & 2 in his email, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

SECTION 3 OF EMAIL – Mr. Knapp felt that additional language should be added to the Zoning Ordinance regrading nurseries, specifically addressing Marijuana, He stated that the way things are worded now, it would limit them to areas that are actually not appropriate where Rural Residential might be more appropriate, more thought needs to go into this. Also, a disclaimer should be added regarding federal law both in the Zoning Ordinance and the Marihuana Ordinance to protect the Township. Mr. Johnson suggested that the Zoning should be turned over to the Planning Commission to change whatever language needs to be changed to allow these businesses to only be in areas the Township deems appropriate. This way it goes through the Township Board and Marquette County for final approval, Supervisor Ulrich agreed. Mr. Oakley suggested that any language for the disclaimer should come from the Attorney and also include him in the Zoning process.

SECTION 4 OF EMAIL – After some discussion, it was suggested by Mr. Johnson that all of the issues that have been brought up in this email should be handed back to Fahey, Schultz to provide us with appropriate language, possible language from other Townships to look at and review, Zoning Language, all of it.

SECTION 6 OF EMAIL – “Stacking”. Should it be allowed? The general consensus of the board was to allow stacking.

SECTION 7 OF EMAIL – Odor control will be implemented on several levels

There was additional random discussion of different items in the ordinance, several times, it was suggested to refer to State Law, also regarding the Application that it had already been discussed and decided to send to the Attorney.

After the Planning Commission vacated, Supervisor Ulrich wished to bring up a couple of items for discussion with the Board.

The first being the letter of interest received from Mr. Richard Siegel requesting to be placed on the Planning Commission. Clerk Brancheau asked that it be tabled until the next regular meeting to allow time for more interested parties to come forward.

The second item, Phil Lorenz is off of work right now due to injury, Supervisor Ulrich wanted him to study for his CDL on Township time while he is down.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Casey Honeyeager

Jim Brennan

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 1:15pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved