

Charter Township of Emmett

Special Meeting

To Discuss Limiting Medical Marihuana Licensing and Discuss Recreational Marihuana
October 29, 2019

Supervisor Tim Hill called the Special Meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 29, 2019. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

The pledge of allegiance followed the opening.

Board Member Attendance

Present:

Buller, Brown, Myers, Dougherty, Myers-Malone, Gunning, and Hill **QUORUM PRESENT**

Recess for 10 minutes to have copies of ordinance No. 2 of 2019 printed off. 12:35pm-12:45pm

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Motion 19-10-15 by Brown/Gunning to approve the Agenda with the addition of the Moratorium Ordinance under Recreational Marihuana.

Roll Call Vote:

Hill, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, Myers-Malone, & Buller **ALL YES**
MOTION CARRIED

This Special Meeting commenced by having discussion from Board Members with attorney John Macfarlane.

Trustee Myers stated some research that she had found from different Cities and Townships on their limitations. Myers also asked MacFarlane should the Board consider a timeline for properties that were approved but haven't made any progress?

Concerned that there are 26 applications and only two currently operational within the Township. Myers also asked MacFarlane why didn't we follow the State guidelines for Marihuana Facilities (which is 1,00 feet) and our current ordinance only has 500 feet? Myers invites conversation in footage.

Macfarlane tried to explain how the law differentiates Establishments and Facilities...but said that we are allowed to amend the ordinance and change the footage but that would call for planning and zoning hearing, posting, and then it would come back to the Board for approval.

Buller asked DeShon how many of which type of licenses do we have?

DeShon stated that we have twenty-six licenses and three pending for next month. Twenty-three of which are provisioning centers (eighteen on Columbia/MI Avenue), five grow operations, and one processing operation.

Buller let everyone know how concerned he was about the fire that happened on the corner of ten-mile road and all that he had learned about extraction and the dangers. Buller recommend the Board put in place something about boundaries so that if something ever happened (explosion) this would not be in direct contact with a main road or residential area of the Township.

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Dougherty is concerned about concentration of the market. Dougherty also asked about inspections and who is authorized, wanted to know who is qualified to do this type of inspection. Chief Cunningham stated that currently there isn't a training for officers to attend.

Dougherty is also concerned about the five-hundred feet that we made one exception and now it is difficult and inappropriate.

Motion 19-10-16 by Dougherty/Brown to approve the six-month Moratorium on Marihuana Establishments with monthly Committee Workshops.

Roll Call Vote:

Buller, Hill, Myers, Dougherty, Brown, Gunning, & Myers-Malone **ALL YES**

Qualified:

Buller (YES)- Confident that we will have Recreational Marihuana in Emmett Township in a controlled manner, Safety is number 1.

Myers (YES)- It is clear that we need clarification, hopeful for our monthly workshops.

MOTION CARRIED

There was much discussion on the topic of Medical and Recreational Marihuana.

Monthly workshop scheduled for November 6th at 9am in the Board Room at the Township Hall.

Motion 19-10-17 by Hill/Brown to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Voice Vote.

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Tracy Myers-Malone, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township