

ARLINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2018

Commissioners present: Chairman James Funke, Joe Wooding, Jeff Melvin, Martha Bregger

Other attendees: Brian Knotek, Ken Dettloff, John O'Connell, Steve Denenberg, Doug Bowman, Brad Cole, Chris Passmore, Tad Snyder, Michael Gray, Rob & Jane Robinson, Matt Steffit

Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Funke at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jeff Melvin read the minutes from the February 7, 2018 special meeting: Joe Wooding moved to accept the minutes as read. Martha Bregger supported the motion. Passed unanimously.

Chairman Funke asked for public comment to get an idea of the different marihuana facilities being planned. By stating plans, this will help guide the planning commission in formulating an ordinance.

Public Comment:

Class A	Rob/Jane Robinson	M43/50	Grow	Indoor/Outdoor
Class C (4)	Michael Gray	50 <sup>th</sup>	Grow	Outdoor w/security
Class A	Chris Passmore	N 681	Grow	Indoor/Outdoor
Class A	Steve Denenberg	M-43 (Ridgeway)	Processing	
			Grow	Indoor/Outdoor
Class A	Tad Snyder		Grow/Proc	Indoor/Outdoor

There was some discussion regarding the Right To Farm (RTF) legislation. There is no constitutional right to farm marihuana and all will be subject to Special Use Permit (SUP) approval. Each proposal must come before the Planning Commission for a SUP and not all may be granted.

There was a question about changing a parcel to commercial from agricultural. Ken Dettloff stated that if it is consistent with the Land Use Plan (LUP) the change is easy. If it is not consistent, then the slope is steeper to make the change.

There was some discussion regarding commercial properties along M-43. Ken stated that there are considerations with M-DOT regarding curb cuts as well as frontage length and lot depth that would have to be discussed.

Every MMA entity will require a separate Special Use Permit. There are no SUP considerations for any other agricultural product.

Processing facilities may be tied to growing operations if on the same property parcel.

Attorney Knotek stated that a lot of questions will be forthcoming, as all do not have to be answered tonight. Many questions may arise during the public hearing and limitations/considerations for revisions may result from that hearing

The planning commission discussed section 3. Authorization of Facilities and Fees of the proposed ordinance. The following numbers were proposed:

Grower: not limited

Processor: up to six (6)

Secure transporter: one (1)

Provisioning center: one (1)

Safety Compliance facility: one (1)

The Board will have to decide on Section 4. Requirement and Procedure for Issuing License and Section 7. Penalties and Enforcement.

Attorney Knotek reminded everyone that the Board will make the final decision on the ordinance and how marihuana facilities may operate within the township.

Attorney Knotek gave a timeline if the Board approves to move forward.

Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 18, 2018

If approved, the ordinance must be published in full for thirty (30) days. The first applications could be accepted sometime in late May 2018.

A motion to adjourn was made by Martha Bregger and Chairman James Funke adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Melvin