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Special Board Meeting

Potential Medical Marihuana Growing Facility

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bob Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Present at the meeting-** Robert Smith, Mark Schoen, Sheryl Lauscher, Andrew Fazer and Beth Bertolini.
3. **A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Beth Bertolini, supported by Andrew Fazer. Motion carried 5-0.**
4. Guests: Levi Danielson. Sandra Danielson, Gerald Girard, Teresa (Eldon) Rochon, Brad Butler, Matt Erickson.
5. This was a meeting to share information and opinions about the pros and cons of a potential Medical Marihuana Growing Facility in Meyer Township. No business was conducted at this meeting. The Board will not be making any decisions on this subject or voting to make this Ordinance at this time.
6. Various Guest Speakers shared information about the positive effects of Medical Marihuana use, the potential of generating tax revenue for the Township, the high security, cleanliness, stringent rules involved in the type of growing facility and getting in on the early stages of this industry in our Township.
7. Residents shared their stories and opinions on how Medical Marihuana has benefitted them while others spoke on the damage it has done in their own families. Some residents were interested in the potential of business and tax revenue coming to our town before other communities. Residents were interested in the security of such a facility. People commented about the risk of this product getting to the young people of our community. Several residents spoke about how they or someone they know had developed health problems and had gotten relief from pain, anxiety and many other symptoms

by ingesting Marihuana or using CBD Oils. Other residents said that since Recreational Marihuana is now legal in all of Michigan it is already here and this facility will not be an increased risk.

Some residents were worried about the possible increase in crime if this facility was permitted. They fear that the Law Enforcement could not get here in time to stop a robbery. Some residents are worried about how Law Enforcement will handle possible increased accidents. A resident said that alcohol is just as much of a threat in our community. A woman asked if 24 hour security was going to be involved at the facility or could it be written into the permit. A woman expressed that this is a big hunting and fishing town and shared information on having a Medical Marihuana Patient Card and not being allowed to get a Concealed Carry Permit. It was also brought up that Marihuana is still illegal on a Federal level. Someone said that we should remember that the product they intend to grow at this facility will not be staying in this community. It will be transported to legal dispensaries. Residents asked if they could start their own petition to show the opinion of those in favor of this potential facility. The Board said that they can do this and those who are opposed can and should do the same thing. There can be no public election on this matter, but the Board would like as much public input as possible on this before they conduct a vote. The Board is discussing ways to get more public opinion. Beth Bertolini said that anyone wanting to express their opinion either way could call our office or township cell, email, leave a note at the office or contact a Board member personally. Everyone doing so should include their name, address and their opinion on this subject.

8. All of the information that was shared on all sides of this subject is being considered by the Board. Only after watching all of the MSU Webinars on Marijuana in Michigan and considering public opinion and the past voting record of Meyer Township concerning Marihuana will the Board make any decision and hold a vote on this subject.
9. Adjournment- **There being no further business before the Board a Motion was made to adjourn at 7:55pm by Mark Schoen, supported by Sheryl Lauscher. Motion carried, 5-0.**