

Bloomington Township Special Board Meeting  
Municipal Building  
Monday June 28, 2021 @ 5:30 p.m.

**Minutes**

1. *Supervisor Lisowski called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.*
2. *Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*
3. *Members present: Trustee Peter Fritz (late); Trustee Brett Johnson; Supervisor James Lisowski; Clerk Judy Little; Treasurer Gerald Sommerfeld. Also present were members of Volunteer Task Force Team: Lon Ashbrook, Matt Ashbrook, Nancy Fusco, Lindsey Nelson, Clayton Upson, Ramiro Torres as well as Melanie Kelly*
4. *Presentation from Catherine P. Kaufman, Michigan Municipal Attorney*
  - a. *Clarified that the Township does not have the authority under law to put an advisory question on the ballot. So, the Township cannot put this question to vote in 2022.*
  - b. *Under the MRTMA, someone can circulate petitions to generate a referendum that would require the board to place the subject on the ballot for the 2022 election.*
  - c. *The petition would require signatures from 5% of the voters that voted in the last election. Language on the petition must be specific to include numbers of licenses allowed and evaluation criteria.*
  - d. *Zoning in communities allows for better control of facilities and licensing locations and requirements.*
  - e. *Licensing requirements cannot exceed state requirements.*
  - f. *The Social Equity Program is designed to encourage participation in the marijuana industry by people who live in communities which have been disproportionately impacted by marijuana prohibition and enforcement. Bloomington Township meets the criteria.*
  - g. *Revenue earned from licensing fees cannot be used as general income. It must be used for the enforcement, regulation and management of a marijuana program.*
  - h. *Some communities received distribution from Michigan Department of Treasury of monies collected from taxes and fees. This money can be deposited into a general fund and used as the community sees fit.*
  - i. *Distribution is only made from taxes received from Retail sales and Microbusinesses.*
  - j. *Distribution to schools and roads will most likely go to county not locally.*
5. *Public Comments*
  - a. *Volunteer Task Force will continue to meet.*
    - i. *Next meeting 7/19 at 5:30 pm Municipal Building*
    - ii. *Lindsey Nelson volunteered to chair the Task Force Team*
    - iii. *Nancy Fusco volunteered to be secretary of Task Force Team*
    - iv. *Task Force Team will be placed on the Meeting Agenda and discussion will be shared with the general public at that time.*
6. *Motion by Little; supported by Sommerfeld to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.*
7. *Voice Vote. all Ayes; Motion Carried.*