

**Waverly Township
Planning and Zoning Minutes-Regular Meeting
42114 M-43 Highway, Paw Paw, MI, 49079
November 8, 2021, 7PM**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 7 PM by Bernie Wilcox who also led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. P & Z Introductions: Tom Fleetwood, Mike LaPine, Bernie Wilcox, Marv Leedy. Lori Reits, Recording Secretary. Absent: John Porter.

3. Agenda: additions, corrections, approval. Date in #4 should be October 11, 2021. Motion to approve agenda with the noted correction made by Fleetwood, Second, LaPine; all approve.

4. Minutes of October 11, 2021: Additions, corrections, approval. Date to be changed as noted above. Motion to approve; Wilcox; Second, Leedy. All Approve.

5. Public Hearing: none

6. New Business: Grow Haven renewal to be addressed by Special Meeting November 10, 2021. Tasha did quick check of the premises, and all seems to be in order. Suggested that there is nothing in the ordinance regarding rechecking sites prior to renewal. Discussion of what should be added to a check list for Planning and Zoning to review. Then they would forward to township board for renewal. Discussion about township inspector versus having P & Z inspecting. More discussion about having it like the way the township board handles blight complaints: Have a member of P & Z responsible for a few months and then rotate. Tabled until Porter is present as he has visited a few sites. Would like to see language in the ordinance That both Tasha and a board member do site visit prior to renewing licenses. Motion made to add this to the ordinance by Wilcox; second by Fleetwood; all in favor.

7. Unfinished business:

a. Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Review: September to December. Township residents are encouraged to submit recommendations via e-mail or letter to the Waverly Township Clerk for consideration by the P & Z commission. John Porter did meet with several residents on Thursday, October 28m 2021 at the township hall to review and discuss possible updates to the ordinance. At this time there are 10 entities that are allowed to have licenses at this time. There is no limit on the number of licenses each may have in the ordinance. Board believed that the site plans would limit the number of licenses. Noted that at this

meeting only Medical could be discussed as there were no copies for recreational available at the meeting. Should the ordinance include a limit to the number of licenses and/or number of acres. There are three different levels of licensing that can be obtained, and they are all different in the medical as opposed to the recreational. Discussion about grandfathering those who currently hold licenses. Discussion about limiting

number of plants per acre, etc. Will wait to see what the result of the Paw Paw Township ordinance discussions are before proceeding.

b. Page 10: should it be 1500 feet. Recreational states 1200 feet. State says 1000 feet and there is nothing different for recreational. Page 11: Discussion about limiting number or size. Township has not lot coverage ordinance.

c. Page 14: Section 16 Penalties. Township attorney to review. Believe that misdemeanor should be changed to civil infraction.

d. Further discussion tabled until next meeting when both ordinances can be reviewed side by side and line by line.

8. Public Comments: Most of public comments are imbedded in comments above. There were many concerns voiced about the smell from the marijuana farms that have outdoor grows. Audience would like to see township limit any new growers to be limited to indoor grow. Jack Brown voiced, again, concerns that the smell is affecting his maple syrup business. He wants to know what the township can do to compensate long time township residents. Discussed that this would need to be investigated further by looking into ordinances from surrounding townships and entities.

9. Report from Township Board: Fleetwood mentioned that the Board denied the Special Use Permit for Bustos. Nothing else of interest to Planning and Zoning.

10. Zoning Administrator: Tasha is in the process of reviewing ordinance language.

11. P & Z Commissioner's Comments: Porter not present and he had not sent notes to other board members.

12. Adjournment: Motion made by LaPine to adjourn meeting; Seconded, Wilcox. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.