

RAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.
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Location: Ray Township Hall
64255 Wolcott, Ray, MI 48096

Present: Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor
Lori Lascoe, Clerk
Betsy Bart, Treasurer
Betty Grader, Trustee

Absent: Doug Stier, Trustee

Also Present: Bob Seibert, Township Attorney
Steve Cassin, Township Planner
Dennis LeMieux, Building Official
Lora Maue, Building & Planning Clerk
Seven residents in attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES & ROLL CALL.

Supervisor Jarzyna called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Lascoe called roll; Jarzyna, Lascoe, Bart, and Grader were present. Absent: Stier.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

**MOTION by Lascoe supported by Grader to approve agenda as presented.
MOTION carried.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: - For Agenda Items

Supervisor Jarzyna asked anyone that would like to speak to come to the podium and state their name and address.

No one in attendance asked any questions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Planning Commission recommendation for Proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments as related to Section 211 – Medical Marijuana Caregivers.

Steve Cassin Planning Consultant stated the Planning Commission held the public hearing for the proposed ordinance and recommended approval to the Board. He explained the proposed ordinance was sent to the Township Attorney for further review. Further stated the proposed ordinance amendments for Section 211 – Medical Marijuana Caregivers would require marijuana caregivers to operate in the I-1 Industrial Zoning District only.

Bob Seibert, Township Attorney explained there has been a lot of litigation regarding medical marijuana caregivers and the Supreme Court has ruled that local municipalities can regulate the zoning. He stated the proposed zoning ordinance amendment would require medical marijuana caregivers to grow in the Industrial zoning district only. Further stated the amendment would repeal any and all Ordinances if adopted.

Mr. Cassin stated Ray Township has 400 acres of Industrial zoned property.

Discussion was held on the proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

No action taken.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Victor Zagorski, 67545 Hartway stated his opinion regarding the proposed ordinance.

Resident stated her opinion on the proposed ordinance.

Johnny inquired on clarification of medical marijuana caregiver vs. recreational marijuana.

Tom Penzien 20750 28 Mile Road stated the responsibility of the elected officials is to listen to the complaints of the residents and to rely on the professionals that drafted the ordinance.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Grader supported by Lascoe to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.

MOTION carried.

Joe Jarzyna, Supervisor

Lori R. Lascoe, MiPMC
Clerk & Recording Secretary

Date