

GERRISH TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
November 17, 2017

Special meeting convened at 6:00pm. Present: Supervisor Udy, Clerk Patchin, Treasurer Tulgetske, Trustee Lippert and Trustee Link. Also present: Chief Hill and 28 citizens

Motion by Link, supported by Tulgetske: CARRIED
that the Board enter the Public Hearing to seek input from residents on the presence of Medical Marihuana Commercial Facilities in our community.

Presentation by Chief Hill on Medical Marihuana Commercial Facilities Licensing

Public Comments and Questions:

Here are some of the comments expressed by attendees:

- Any medical marihuana facilities would cause more harm than good.
- A separate facility should not be required for medical Marihuana as a pain killer.
- Concerns that having any facility would only inspire recreational marihuana usage.
- This could increase the number of drugged drivers without a way of detection.
- Certain commercial facilities should be considered for the potential revenue source being proposed.
- Property values in Colorado after legalization of marihuana have dropped 8%.
- Processing Centers emit an unpleasant odor.
- If the facilities were going to be in a local areas, at least Gerrish Township has a Police Department to help regulate.
- A safety compliance facility license could bring in some revenues and could be a potential license that would fit into Gerrish Township.
- Use caution on promised revenue streams and how quickly they fall short of the cost.
- Gerrish Township should remain a residential/recreational area not an area for commercial marihuana facilities.
- Do not allow any of the licenses in Gerrish Township.
- Can applicants be refused, what would the process be to select applicants?
- If marijuana was legalized, how would this effect commercial licenses?
- If you offered the 5 different licenses, can a conglomerate buy all 5 licenses?
- Drugged driving is a major concern already with prescription drugs.
- Marihuana is natural versus chemically made.
- Gerrish Township should opt out of any licenses at this time and wait to see this process unfold including revenue sharing, laws, etc.
- Concerns that only a blood test can detect illegal marihuana usage.
- Did any other Roscommon County Townships opt in for licensing?
- Transporters are not allowed to carry firearms with marihuana.
- When is the Board going to opt in or out of the Medical Marihuana Commercial Facilities Licensing?

Motion by Lippert, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board exit the Special Hearing and re-enter the Special Meeting.

Public comment: None

Motion by Tulgetske, supported by Link: CARRIED
that the Board adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Kathleen Patchin, Clerk

David Udy, Supervisor

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