

Whitewater Township Marihuana Committee
In-Person and VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Meeting
April 21, 2022

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Goss, Hall, Jacobson, Mellor,

Absent: Vollmuth

Attendance: In person – none

Via Zoom - two

Set / Approve Agenda: Motion by Goss, second Jacobson, to set the agenda all in favor.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Jacobson, second by Mellor to approve the March 21, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

New Business:

1. Applications: have been made much more clear, easy to follow and track information as it comes in from the applicants. Prequalify information from the state to be incorporated.

2. Interview questions: Submitted questions to the attorney and awaiting a response that will be shared. Who is going to do a pre-application interview? Is it even legal?

3. Flow Chart: Application received, verified complete by the ZA, presented to the board of trustees. Since there may be more applicants that permits available. With that in mind, Mellor has come up with a Value Weighted Approval Process, draft presented and explained. The Board suggested using a scoring rubric and this could be a part of the Board's rubric. The idea is to plan to have the most successful business. Who has connections already? The township does not need to duplicate things that the state is already handling (inspections, waste material handling, etc.) The state does annual inspections. The township can do quarterly inspections so they business has no surprises at the annual inspection. The businesses have to renew every year. The zoning will be enforced by the township. Nuisance ordinances (odor, noise, light, etc.) needed to be addressed. How will they be enforced? Who enforces? Has to be in writing so it is very clear. Operations will be allowed in Industrial and Agricultural. Same set of standards no matter how large or small your process will be.

If you (a business owner) want to establish an operation you will have make sure the utilities are appropriate – that is not really the PC's decision. The PC can require a, for instance, a visual block to a line of propane tanks.

Flow:

- a. Application received
- b. Reviewed, using the "if then" process. Verified complete by the ZA. Will be received in chronological order. The first one that is received that is complete goes first. ZA has 90 days to process a complete application.
- c. Present to Board of Trustees. The value weighted approval process can be used by the Board of Trustees. Will there be a mid-process interview by the Board? The Board has 120 days.
- d. Present to the Planning Commission for their special use permit process / approval. Can they move forward on the special use permit before they get the confirmed approval from the Board? (question for the attorney)

They would probably not want to expense that until they know they are approved for the permit.

The PC will have specific things that need to be complied with and there will be a public hearing for each.

4. Other Topics the Subcommittee Wishes to Address: Present to the board a recommendation on Flow chart, application, etc.

Next meeting: May 19, 2022, 6 p.m. Agenda: Flow chart, attorney input on interview and rubric.

Public Comment: Via Zoom: Don Glenn: You guys are doing a great job.

Motion to adjourn by Mellor second by Jacobson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment: 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary