

**SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
Special Meeting
November 13, 2019**

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM by Planning Commission Chair S. Brauer
2. Roll Call: S. Brauer, A. Burbey, S. Sundell, P. Lajewski-Pearson, J. Yelle & C. Bushong
 - a. Absent: None
 - b. Others in Attendance: Randy Yelle, Carolyn Kerkela, James Ledford, Valerie Sevegney, Chris Sevegney, Chris Kirk, Fran Sevegney, John Marchant, David Polini, Audrey Johnson, Bernadette Polini, Mona Consolmagno, Britta Carlson, Bruce Leach, Luke Siebert, Frank Rosado, Cynthia Thompson-Rosado, Mona Consolmagno, Theresa Fralick, Bruce Fralick, Diana Nelson and others.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion by S. Sundell, Supported by A. Burbey, to approve agenda as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019: Motion by P. Lajewski-Pearson, Supported by C. Bushong, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019 special meeting as presented. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
5. Public Comment: 2 people reserved time to speak during the Public Hearing.
6. Business:
 - a. Public Hearing: Request from Flow Provisioning LLC for a Commercial Marihuana Facility – Provisioning Center.
 - i. Open Public Hearing: S. Brauer opened the Public Hearing at 6:33.
 - A. Staff Input: R. Yelle explained the history of the Township Ordinance and process for approval, and pointed out the location on a map. He has reviewed the site plan, application, and supporting documentation; all requirements are in place and they have pre-qualification from the State.
 - B. Requester Input – Bruce Leach explained the plan for the business, including the licensing process, security of the property, and changes to marihuana law over the years.
 - C. Public Input –
 - a. Jim Ledford is against this facility. He has concerns, especially about driving under the influence. He feels it does not benefit the community and causes problems, which Colorado is experiencing. He will fight this issue.

- b. Theresa Fralick and her son, Bruce Fralick, are against the facility. They worry about crime increasing in the neighborhood, enforcement of the law, illegal sales, and illegal grow operations, all of which have occurred in Colorado.
 - c. Diana Nelson has questions regarding the size and operation of the facility. She has concerns because it is close to the church and neighborhoods, and the intersection is a bad corner for traffic.
 - d. Mona Consolmagno questioned paving, lighting, and hours of operation. The law is clear about security and operation, and consuming in a vehicle is illegal.
 - e. Chris Sevegney is against the facility. He does not want drugs in the neighborhood; nothing good will come from it.
 - f. Val Sevegney had concerns about driving under the influence and how this could bring trouble to the neighborhood.
 - g. John Marchant is not for or against the facility.
 - h. Fran Sevegney has seen what drugs can do to a person and families. He questioned what this will do for our location and why we would bring in something bad like this.
 - i. Chris Kirk clarified some information and questioned the different statements between this week and last week's requester. He said we do not have the infrastructure or resources for this type of facility. He also questioned enforcement for current businesses that do not meet requirements.
- ii. Close Public Hearing: S. Brauer closed the Public Hearing at 7:06.
- A. Commissioner Member Discussion: Commissioners discussed and asked questions related to the floor plan, business operations, storage of product, waste disposal, products for sale, security and cameras, parking and County Road 480 setbacks, security staff, employee requirements, hours of operations, proposed opening timeframe, signage, and outdoor lighting; Bruce Leach answered questions.
 - B. **Motion by S. Sundell, Supported by P. Lajewski-Pearson, that, after conducting the required public hearing, receiving input from Township staff, the requester and the public, reviewing the Township's Commercial Marihuana Facilities Ordinance Number 57, and after reviewing requester's provided documentation, including State of Michigan**

prequalification approval, therefore, the Sands Township Planning Commission is hereby recommending approval by the Sands Township Board of Trustees for the proposed Provisioning Center, Flow Provisioning, at 918 County Road 480, with the following conditions:

- a. Must comply with all State of Michigan Laws,**
- b. Must comply with all local Ordinances and Laws,**
- c. All lighting facing a Residential district must have downcast lighting,**
- d. Must comply with all County setbacks, and**
- e. Must provide a final security agreement and the MSDS sheets prior to opening for business.**

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

- 7. Administrative Report: None
- 8. Public Comment: None
- 9. S. Brauer adjourned meeting at 7:40 PM.

S. Brauer
Chairman

P. Lajewski-Pearson
Secretary

C. Kerkela
Recording Secretary