

Whitewater Township Marihuana Committee

Minutes for Meeting

June 16, 2022

Call to order 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Goss, Hall, Jacobson, Mellor, Vollmuth

Absent: None

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: Via Zoom: Linda Slopsema commented on interview questions, flow chart layout

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Goss, second by Jacobson to approve the May 19, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Special Meeting Business:

1. Interview questions – Discussion:

Pre-application interview is not part of Ordinance 59 and 60 and would need to be reflected in the ordinances. An informal process to gather and share preliminary information more so than an “interview”. It is not mandatory for the applicant, as it is not in the ordinance. It can be offered to the applicant as a tool in their process.

One of the goals of the pre-application interview is to make sure the applicant and the township are on the same page.

Similar to what the Zoning Administrator (ZA) does as a preliminary site plan review before something goes to the PC.

Recreational marihuana licensing requires a competitive review process, medical does not.

Can be looked at as a coaching opportunity for the applicant.

It would be a very back and forth communication and information sharing opportunity.

There is no fee at the pre-application phase.

Basic educational / informational process.

Is this committee going to recommend a pre-application to the board?

Goss started a list of the proposed recommendations to be presented to the board.

The committee will each come up with a couple questions based on the information from the attorney.

2. Flow Chart: Hall believes it is best for him to not be involved at the pre-application process because he is involved at the zoning level. Change the attorney provided flow chart from ZA to board designee and change the fee amount to applicable fee.

Suggestion to provide the flow chart to the applicant.

Mellor will create a flow chart to be presented at the next meeting.

3. Other Topics the Subcommittee Wishes to Address: Hall had a question regarding the Vollmuth statement about failure. We would want to address any failures. No one wants to waste anyone’s time.

Hall notes that we are very close to being ready to present the requested information to the board.

Mellor notes that we have a 90 day time frame for completion of the application and the board then has additional time to approve or deny the application. Hall believes the way applications usually come in, it will not likely be an issue.

Goss has a question for the attorney regarding the timing, rolling vs set time frame.

Are there other questions to present to the attorney?

The competitive review process – who does that?

Is the direction of that addressed in the ordinance?

Competing applications are handled at the board.

Next meeting: July 21, 2022, at 6:30 Agenda: Interview questions, review flow chart

Public Comment: In person: None

Via Zoom: Linda Slopsema, flow chart design.

Adjournment:

Motion by Goss , second by Jacobson to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary