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**FIFE LAKE TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-MMFO AMENDMENTS
DRAFT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

Meeting call to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call: Supervisor Linda Forwerck,-X, Treasurer Cathy Sorrow-X, Clerk Terry Street-X, Trustee Elizabeth Pearson-X, Dawn Zimmerman-X.

Quorum Established.

Also Present:

Fife Lake Township Attorney, Bryan Graham

Approval of Agenda

Conflict of Interest – None

Correspondence-

Debbie Newton of US HWY 131 commented on the discrepancies in record.

Order of Business

Medical Marijuana Facilities- MMFO-2109-2

Attorney Graham explained options for the Fife Lake Township Board to consider. See attached; Option #1A, #1B, deals mainly with subsection 5 (f), #2A and #2B deals with subsection 7 (b). Another option is to do nothing.

Sorrow asked about posting to people in the 300 feet range, shouldn't the people in these areas be made aware? Attorney Graham responded, because it is not a Zoning Ordinance, the posting requirements do not apply.

Zimmerman physically visited the commercial areas not near residential. Space is very limited, she suggested maybe reducing the 500 feet rule to 200 feet only in residential.

Sorrow wanted to know how many applications we do have for decision making process.

Citizen Comment

Newton of Hwy 131, stated his property is zoned Residential and Commercial through a Special Use Permit that expires when property is sold.

McInnis of Florida concerns as time and language change his potential property could become non-conforming, diluting his chances.

Zimmerman said the Lottery process won't be changed by Board's decision tonight as it is an ongoing process. Why is tweaking the language to make it meet the community needs and safety a bad thing?

McInnis feels property is in conformance.

Street suggest we move forward.

Nate Saco of Kalkaska, would like to move forward as well.

Deb Newell of Fife Lake stated residential was not a part of the language in the 2018 version of MMFO.

Zimmerman replied the Board is trying to accommodate the business owners.

Forwerck commented on researching the properties and keeping the 500 feet rule for other categories. Forwerck made **Motion** to adopt Option #1B removing subsection 5, No Second, **Motion Failed**.

Zimmerman made **Motion** to adopt Option #1B changing the 500 feet rule with 200 feet rule. Forwerck Seconded.

Need for footage in my opinion-

Sorrow said less footage opens more problems for other applicants.

Part of the process would then be to seek a variance.

Roll Call Vote Finds; Street-No, Sorrow-No, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-No. 2-Yes, 3-No, **Motion Failed**.

Other Business

Todd Millar transferred to a new Firm from Swogger, Bruce & Millar to Parker Harvey Firm effective February 1, 2020. Attorney Millar corresponded with his updated contact information. A motion will be necessary to approve this updated information for Attorney Millar.

Forwerck made **Motion** to retain Todd Millar now with Parker Harvey Firm as our legal representation for the Pugsley Development/Brownfield at the same Fee as present. Sorrow Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Sorrow-Yes, Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Street-Yes, Pearson-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried**.

January bills did not get approved at the January 23, 2020 Fife Lake Township Board meeting.

Street made **Motion** to pay the bills as of January 23.2020, Forwerck Seconded. Roll Call Vote Finds; Forwerck-Yes, Zimmerman-Yes, Pearson-Yes, Street-Yes, Sorrow-Yes. 5-Yes, 0-No, **Motion Carried.**

Street reported Nicki Clair resigned as election worker. Gerianne Street would like to join the election team. Sorrow made **Motion** to appoint Gerianne Street to replace Nicki Clair on the list of election workers. Pearson Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**

Citizen Comment

Dave McGough, Village President, commended the Board for making a choice on a difficult subject amending the MMFO.

Kris Benke of Ingersoll, Fife Lake, wants the Board to move forward with future businesses. “Stop Dragging their Feet”. Make a decision, two businesses have invested in our community.

Sorrow made **Motion** to Adjourn, Street Seconded. All in Favor, **Motion Carried.**
Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm

February 6, 2020, Draft Special Meeting Minutes-MMFO, Prepared by: Leigh Gifford, Recording Secretary.