

**ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
November 14, 2016**

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Chairman Connell called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
 - B. Following roll call those present were Keith Behm, Karl Spreitzer, Jim Connell, Ted Heckman, Mike Buese, and Laree Waanders. Marty Ruiter was absent.

- II. Approve the Minutes of September 12, 2016
 - A. Laree mentioned a typo under H-the last word is don (e)
 - B. Ted moved to approve as corrected, Karl supported, the minutes passed with an aye vote.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Codes on Fire Pits?

Keith Behm said no information as of yet. Karl said it should be covered under nuisance. Keith to report back on Fire Code after next Fire Board meeting.
 - B. Jim would like to see our planning commission book reviewed on a regular schedule, as it is best to be proactive if changes are needed.
 - C. Marihuana, the city isn't adopting any change at this time. Jim explained every township/city has the choice to participate or not. If you participate you also reap a monetary benefit. Allegan Township will be looking to our attorney for guidance. There is a seminar on 12/6, Jim strongly encouraged all who are able, to attend. Is there a need for distribution centers, are the needs of the township currently being served, how much monetary benefit is there going to be, and what are the guidelines to use the funds. Jim had handouts from the department of licensing and regulatory affairs *see attached* there was information on patient registry, cards issued, and grant fund available. The grant funds have a restricted use. Jim also spoke with a representative of the Allegan County Sheriff Dept. on how will ordinances be enforced. Jim is just looking for discussion from the board and to understand if there is any patient need and financial benefit for the Township. Also in the discussion was Troy Glascott-Hopkins, Caleb Gonzalez-Pullman, Alfred Lemaire- Allegan Township, Linda Wierenga, Allegan Township and Mike Bender-Allegan Township.

Linda asked how the Township regulates marihuana if the patient does not use, but instead shares?

Alfred wanted to know why the Township is concerned?

Jim- If we do not participate, we fall under the State, if we choose to participate, we need our own regulations. Is there tax dollars to fund this? Much discussion occurred and Jim is looking forward to clarification at the Bauckham Sparks, the Township Attorney at the seminar on 12/6.

Mike- if a decision is made, can the decision be revoked? Can we opt out now and opt in later? How would you keep people honest?

Tabled further discussion until after the 12/6 seminar

Karl does not feel there is a shortage of product or care givers- no need
Jim closed the discussion and added it to old business for the next meeting.

- D. Walker/Schafer turned over to enforcement officer to enforce violation of Township Ordinance
 - E. Mike- what will happen to Allegan Metal Fabrication site? Blight issue?
 - F. Ted – asked of an update on the Perrigo warehouse
- IV. Next meeting will be the election of a new Chair as Jim will advance to Township Trustee.
- V. Adjourn
- A. Ted made motion to adjourn, seconded by Karl, meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.